Echo LEADER

Serving Springfield and Mountainside

Students find fighting disability can be fun

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

The nation's No. 1 cause of disability was recently fought with jump ropes and basketballs.

On Monday, Springfield's St. James the Apostle School used its annual "Retreat Day" to raise money for juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, a disease that affects thousands upon thousands nationwide. St. James' own kindergarten student, Eliana Zavala, was diagnosed at age 2.

"This tied in perfectly with retreat day," said Eliana's teacher, Betty Makarucha. "It fit right in with Christian values and everything."

Makarucha became aware of the annual "Arthritis Walk" when Eliana's mother, Amy Zavala, came to the school one day wearing a blue bracelet, the mark of awareness of the disease.

She obtained the bracelet from the Arthritis Foundation and now sells them through the school. When she got the idea that funding could even become more localized, Makarucha met with the school's student council and developed the idea of a jump-a-thon and shoot-a-thon.

That afternoon, the event took place during the one day of the year specifically set aside for Christian value-oriented activities outside of a classroom setting.

Two gyms full of students, including Eliana herself, partook in the fund-raiser in which family and friends pledged a certain amount of money for every jump or free throw made in a two-minute period.

"We were just asked to [illegible] the family for the walk," [illegible] school's principal, [illegible] When Makarucha [illegible] student council and [illegible] idea for a fund-raiser [illegible]

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"Her parents were overwhelmed, though. They came to the school and were very, very appreciative. They were flabbergasted."

Eliana's [illegible] said her daughter is currently doing very well dealing with the disease.

"Right now, she's not in physical therapy," said Zavala of her daughter. "She used to go two or three times each week."

Eliana still takes medication a couple of times each day and receives chemotherapy shots at home on the weekends.

While Eliana jumped rope with a smile on her face, her mother said that she's definitely aware of the disease, *if not the scale of* the school fund-raiser.

Along with her son, a third-grader, Amy Zavala attends meetings concerning the disease and maintains contact with the closest arthritis center in Iselin.

What's most important to remember, Amy Zavala said, is that the jump- and shoot-a-thon was conducted to benefit children everywhere, not just her daughter.

"It's not just for her," she said. "It's for everyone. The school has been wonderful, notifying people and everything."

"They've even gotten letters asking what can be done."

Makarucha said the event will also help other students appreciate helping others.

"They're learning to help in anyway they can," said Makarucha, a first-year teacher at the school. "Even if it's in a fun way, you're still helping."

On May 22, the "Arthritis Walk" will be conducted at Verona Park in Verona.

For information on the walk or to make a donation in Eliana's name, visit www.arthritis.org

Some students, Makarucha said, will be walking without a monetary donation.

They just want to support Eliana.

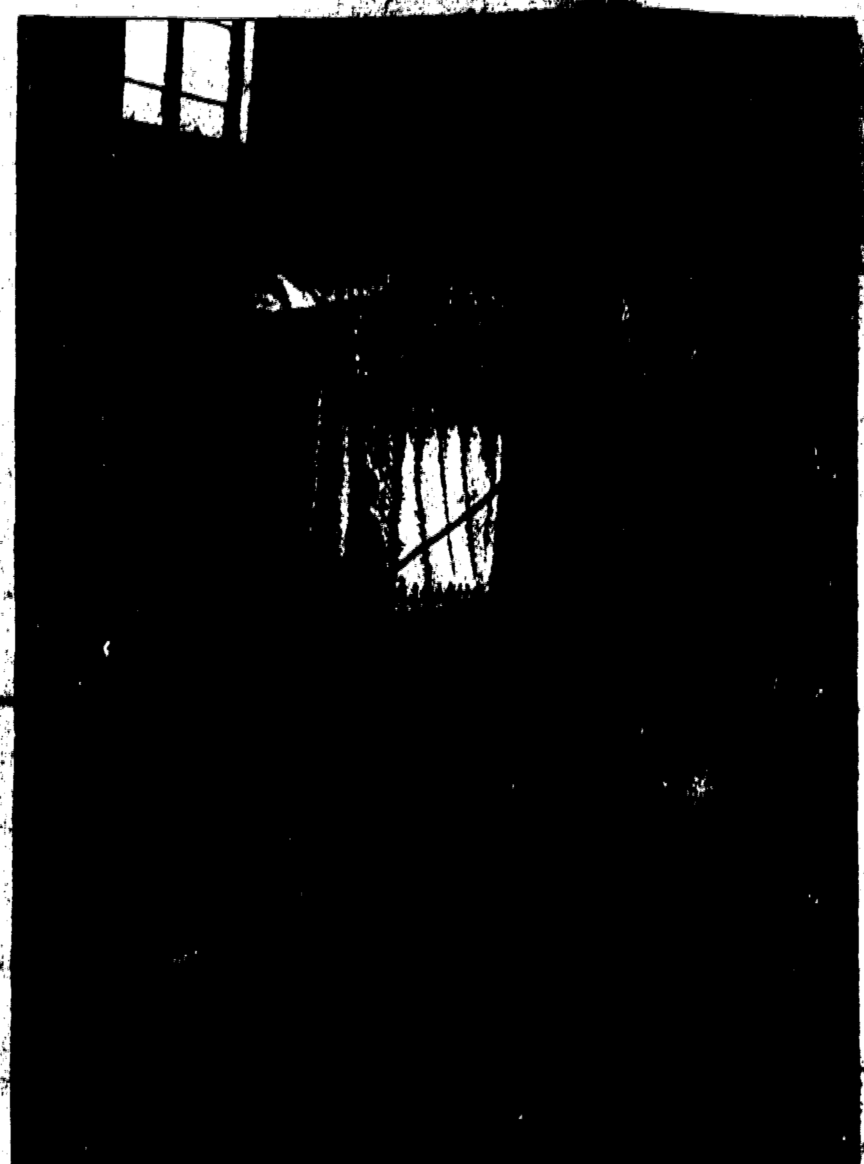
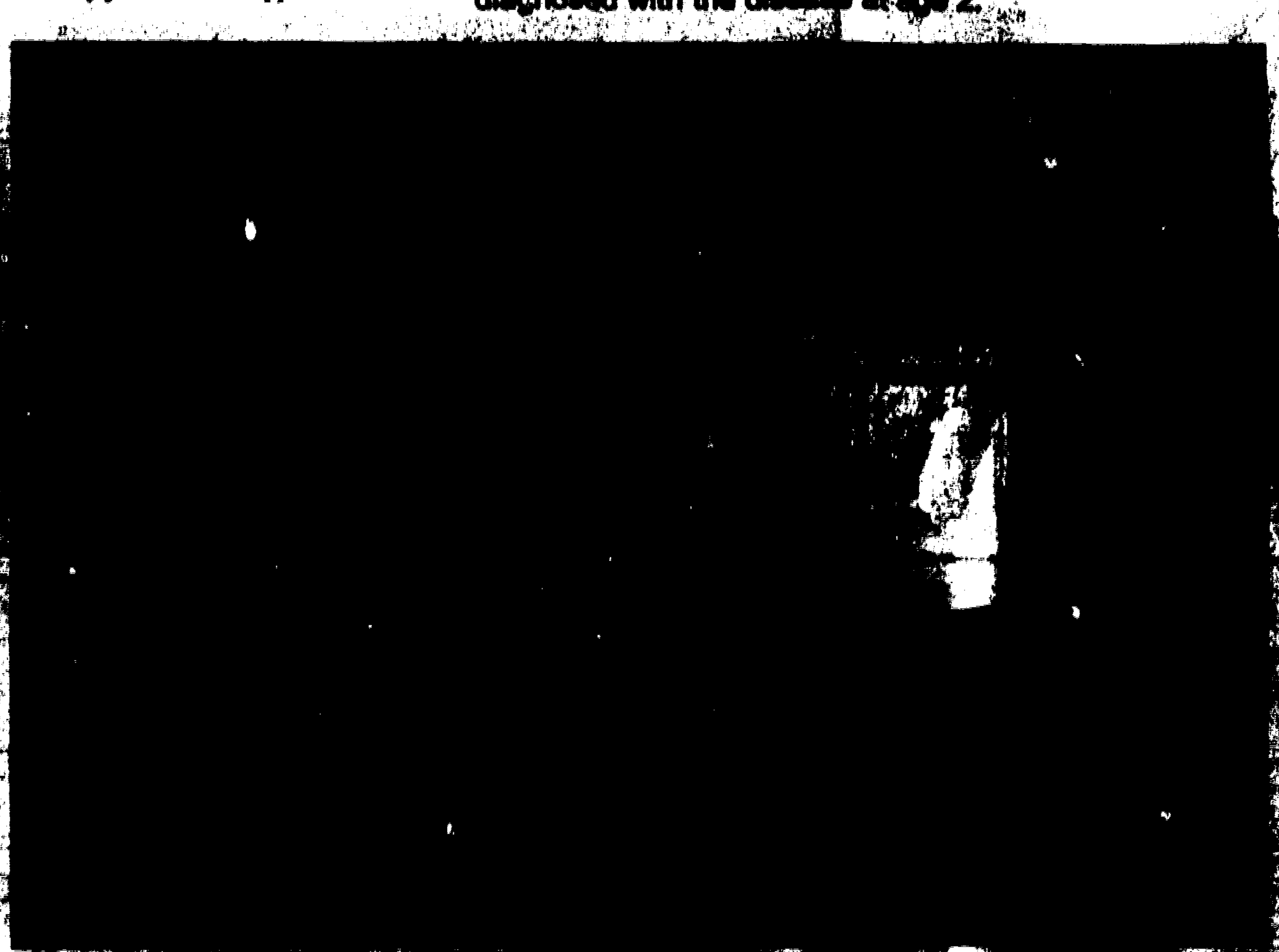


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Eliana Zavala, a kindergarten student at St. James School in Springfield, jumps rope at a fund-raiser for juvenile rheumatoid arthritis on Monday. Zavala was diagnosed with the disease at age 2.



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District hires new chief administrator

By Jean M. Devlin
Staff Writer

After a long search, the Mountainside Board of Education has chosen its new chief school administrator/principal: Richard O'Malley, who was present at the Tuesday night board meeting and introduced himself to everyone there.

"O'Malley is an innovative [illegible] and consensus builder, very inclusive with staff, parents and the community [illegible] will be charged with taking the district to the next level," said board [illegible] Goggi.

O'Malley began his new position [illegible] at a salary of $130,000 per year and will have both the title of [illegible] administrator and principal of the Mountainside school district. Currently, he is principal in the Branchburg school district.

Goggi listed among O'Malley's accomplishments as being one of 50 administrators from across the country to attend the Harvard Graduate School Conference for Leadership and Accountability.

"He has instituted a high performing kindergarten program and established a competitive robotics program in [illegible]. He follows the philosophy that all children can learn," said Goggi.

When the members of the Board of Education voted, all but two approved of O'Malley's selection. Board member Pat Knodel voted "no," stating she had no objection to O'Malley, but did not approve of the contract for him. Board member Carmine Venes agreed with Knodel, also objecting to the contract and voting "no."

During Goggi's subsequent comments, he commented on the new CSA's contract. "This contract is quite different from previous CSA contracts in the district, highlighted by three points," said Goggi.

The three points are: 1) It is a four-year term, demonstrating the commitment to O'Malley as the education leader; 2) It is a detailed contract clearly articulating expectations for both parties, and 3.) Performance-based incentives allow the district to design, implement and reward the achievement of increasing goals and targets that will drive the district to the next level.

After receiving congratulations and applause, O'Malley made his own comments. "I am honored and excited to be setting out as the new CSA in the Mountainside school district and am very impressed with the Mountainside schools."

"It will be my job over the next few years to see that the Mountainside district obtains a more prominent academic standing among New Jersey's top school districts," he added.

He said he welcomed all ideas and energies as input, as the work of the educational agenda moves forward, and that he looks forward to sharing the journey and adventure with "each of you."

Goggi then thanked Walter Rusak, who has been serving as interim CSA and principal, noting that, "You have never really been 'interim,' because you have put your entire energy and efforts for us at all times."

"I want to thank you for your tremendous leadership in the difficult times for us," added Goggi.

Springfield school budget set at $30M

By [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] the 2005-06 of $30,[illegible] a general fund of $29,[illegible] to the Union County superintendent of schools' review and approval.

The budget would call for an estimated [illegible] school tax increase of $107 per home assessed at $100,000. The average home in Springfield is [illegible] $157,800.

Superintendent Michael Davino presented the budget [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] next year.

Davino said the board believes it has come up with a budget responsible in regards not only to the tax levy increase, but also on the instructional level that addressed the 21st century and students entering the work force.

Curriculum updates and revisions are called for, Davino said, to continually address changes and modifications in courses. For example, forensic science, advanced placement courses and expanding mathematics programs demand new or additional curriculum.

Anticipated enrollment increases also demand six new teachers at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School, one at Edward V. Walton School and at least two extra custodians for the district overall.

The one-to-one laptop program for middle school students, Davino said, will "bring equity of access to the search for knowledge." This is only one way that technology will enhance the learning process of students, Davino added.

The budget is increased by 2.42 percent from last year, up $729,659.

Instructional costs are up only 1.69 percent, totalling $16,107,645 and covering more than half of the budget.

"Even with the constraints put upon us, the administration is trying to move the district forward while watching dollar amounts," said Board of Education President Irwin Sablosky regarding the constraints of state and federal mandates.

Payments made to the boroughs of Mountainside and Garwood due to the dissolution of the Union County Regional High School district will total about $438,000, credited against general administration costs.

Board member Jackie Shanes noted that, after state and federal mandates, the Board of Education actually controls only 4 to 6 percent, or $1.2 million, of the total budget.

Davino said the laptops would be covered by insurance that would cost parents no more than $100 for the year.

Minor repairs would be made by school personnel and, if parents could not afford the insurance costs, the school would bear the burden.

Sablosky noted, while Acting Gov. Richard Codey has refused to sign any legislation that would lessen or weaken the provisions of S17-01, a bill that would place a stricter cap on school spending, the one way to get through to legislators would be to write or send a message by e-mail to them.

"That's the only way things can change," said Sablosky.

"One of the things we try to steel ourselves against," Davino said, "is the idea that good enough is good enough."

Davino said this budget is about improving what is a [illegible] educational system.

"I just ask every[illegible] out and vote on April [illegible]," [illegible] Sablosky.

Borough ordinance eyes faulty contractors

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

After being introduced in mid-February as a way of preventing outside contractors from taking advantage of Mountainside residents, an amended version of the home improvement ordinance was passed by the Borough Council last week.

"The perception was that there have been a number of instances when the people of Mountainside were not properly treated by home improvement contractors," said Borough Attorney John Post. The Borough Council, Post said, felt it would be helpful if there was a procedure in place to ensure some type of registry for contractors at Borough Hall.

As the ordinance states, the licensing of contractors will assist the borough "in monitoring the quality of [illegible] contractor's work and compliance with the building codes."

In discussing the ordinance, Mayor Robert Viglianti said one example of when the ordinance would have been helpful was when a senior citizen in town was told by a roofing contractor that a roof replacement would cost $30,000, which is far more than the job would actually cost.

"The theory is," Post explained, "if they obtain a license, it gives the borough a means of tracking." If complaints arrive, Post said, the borough would be able to address the problem more effectively.

The license application will include the contractor's name and address, along with a contact person, a copy of the contractor's New Jersey certificate and registration number.

Post said there has also been discussion on the state level for the passing of such an ordinance. When it was originally drafted, [illegible] the ordinance [illegible] projected by state [illegible] soon considered [illegible]

The [illegible] was that the scope [illegible] would include [illegible] such as painting, [illegible] and landscapers. After hearing complaints from residents and discussing the ordinance [illegible] it was decided the ordinance [illegible], pending state [illegible], while narrowing the specific [illegible] it covers.

"Only [illegible] to which it applies [illegible] of a permit from the Building Department," Post said.

The permit will cost contractors $100 and last for two years. The ordinance can be revoked if local or state regulations are not followed, and if the contractor fails to [illegible] a valid New Jersey [illegible] contractor's registration certificate.

Violators [illegible] ordinance will be charged a [illegible] fine of $250 for the first offense and $500 for each subsequent [illegible].

Post said he doesn't expect contractors to [illegible] from working in Mountainside [illegible] due to the need for a two-[illegible] that costs only $100.

The original ordinance [illegible] covered work [illegible] a homeowner [illegible] his or her own [illegible].

"There [illegible] an expression of concern [illegible] of the ordinance to this part of the ordinance.

After [illegible] over the wording of the ordinance and how necessary it would be to [illegible] a homeowner's own home improvement, this stipulation was [illegible] from the ordinance.

Removal of Meisel signs signal opening of site

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

While the Springfield Township Committee is still weeks away from going out to bid and moving one step closer to the renovation of Meisel Avenue Park, the signs which have declared the field as being closed for more than two years have finally come down.

"It's open," said Mayor Sy Mullman at Tuesday's Township Committee meeting.

"The signs are down and the park is open."

Mullman said, while it could use some maintenance work and the township won't currently have any planned events at the park in the near future, it is certainly available for the public to walk through or sit down in.

"Technically, the park is now open," added Committeewoman Clara Harelik.

While the removal of the signs means the field is no longer considered [illegible] or dangerous to the public, [illegible] construction is [illegible].

[illegible] said the Department of Environmental Protection permits that the county is awaiting are expected to take another two to seven weeks. The fresh water wetlands and stream encroachment permits were applied for in late February.

Once the project goes out to bid, construction should still take six to nine months.

Plans [illegible] have been finalized, [illegible] no delays are expected [illegible] with the park's rehabilitation [illegible] once the DEP permits [illegible].

Al[illegible] timeline of a September [illegible] of the park [illegible] by the Township Committee [illegible] appears unlikely that [illegible] so quickly. The main [illegible] is due to the county's [illegible] to receive the DEP permit [illegible] out to bid.

Offices closed for Good Friday

The offices of this newspaper will be closed Friday in observance of Good Friday.

We will reopen Monday.

The deadlines for the March 31 edition are as follows:

- Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. — Today, noon.
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The Community Calendar is prepared by the *Echo Leader* to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To mail a schedule, send it to: *Echo Leader*, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union NJ 07083.

Today

• The Westfield Regional Health Department presents "Hygiene Practices and Dental Habits of your Child" at the Mountainside Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, Mountainside, at 11 a.m.

Those interested in attending this free informational session can register by calling 908-233-0115.

For information regarding this topic prior to the event, call the Public Health Nurse at 908-789-4070 ext. 4073.

• Newark Liberty International Airport Manager Sue Baer will speak to the Springfield Hadassah members at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., at 12:30 p.m.

A mini lunch will be served. The public is invited to attend, but non-Hadassah members who plan to attend are requested to call Chapter President Iris Segal at 973-376-0816.

Saturday

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club invites members and guests to hop on over to the Easter Egg Hunt at The Loop Park, starting at 11:30 a.m. The cost is $5. The rain date will be April 2.

R.S.V.P. to Judy Wargaski — see membership directory — by March 24. The Mountainside Newcomers Club Inc. is a social organization dedicated to providing a friendly greeting to new members. For membership information, call Tricia Brancatella at 908-301-1498.

• The Springfield Recreation Department presents the Springfield Egg Hunt in Chisholm Park, 100 S. Springfield Ave., at 11 a.m.

The Egg Hunt will begin at 11 a.m. and usually takes no more than 10 minutes before all the eggs are gathered up.

All are invited to join in the event, which features prizes and a special visitor. For information, call 973-912-2227.

Monday

• St. James Roman Catholic Church in Springfield offers a shopping spree at Vanity Fair Reading Outlets. The bus leaves Knights of Columbus parking at 8 a.m. and returns approximately at 5 p.m.

The cost is $21 per person. The price includes deluxe bus transportation, bus driver tip, lunch voucher, shopping bag and discount coupons.

For reservations, call Tony Graziano at 973-376-5612.

• Best-selling author Jim Trelease will address parents, teachers and the general public at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave. in Mountainside at 7 p.m.

Trelease is the author of *The New York Times* best seller, "The Read-Aloud Handbook." He will speak on "Reading Aloud: Motivating Children To Make Books Into Friends, Not Enemies."

For information, call Angela Cosimano at 908-301-9104 ext. 102.

Upcoming

April 1

• The parents of the Governor Livingston High School Lacrosse Club, with the assistance of The Berkeley Wine Company, are sponsoring a wine tasting fund-raiser at Mount Carmel Hall on Springfield Avenue in Berkeley Heights from 7 to 10 p.m. The cost is $50 at the door.

The event will feature affordable wines from around the globe as well as a raffle of gift baskets.

For information, call 908-608-0021.

April 2

• Join the Springfield YMCA and celebrate the Y's annual YMCA Healthy Kids Day at 100 S. Springfield Ave. in Springfield from 1 to 3 p.m. The event is free and includes the following activities: games, moon walk, music, face painting and tattoos, crafts, healthy snacks, nutrition, chiropractic demonstration, Springfield First Aid Squad demonstration, Commerce Bank Mascot and TD Waterhouse information on college savings plans.

For information, visit www.summitareaymca.org or call the Springfield YMCA at 973-467-0838.

Unsafe lane change yields arrest

POLICE BLOTTER

Mountainside

Elizabeth resident Devion Clark, 20, was arrested after being stopped for making an unsafe lane change on Route 22 east on Tuesday at 12:19 a.m.

Clark was found to be driving with a suspended license and he also had an outstanding warrant out of Berkeley Heights.

• On Monday at 5:17 p.m., Adele Mason, 32, of Somerset, was arrested after being stopped on Route 22 east for a motor vehicle violation. Mason was found to be driving with a suspended license.

• On Sunday at 1:53 p.m., Stephen Solomon, 40, of Watchung, was arrested on Mountain Avenue for having an outstanding warrant out of Mountainside for $1,000.

• Shawn Hendricks, 38, of Elizabeth, was arrested at the Westfield Police Department on March 16 at 11:01 p.m. for an outstanding warrant out of Mountainside for $1,033.

Program promotes proper dental habits

The Westfield Regional Health Department presents "Hygiene Practices and Dental Habits of your Child" at the Mountainside Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, Mountainside, today at 11 a.m.

As a parent, talking to your child about their hygiene and dental habits can be an embarrassing topic. Learn how to open the lines of communication by making hygiene practices and dental care fun.

Going to the doctor and dentist can be torturous for both parent and child. Learn how to make these trips fun and exciting.

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Holy Week services offered

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

This is Holy Week for Christians; it began last Sunday, called Palm Sunday, and culminates this coming Sunday with Easter, the day of Resurrection.

The week is special in that it ranges in emotion from extreme sadness tomorrow, Good Friday, observing the day in which Jesus Christ was crucified, to elation and joy on Sunday, the day which Christians believe he was resurrected from the grave.

The historic path of Christ is followed every year; in fact, the early church only observed Easter for one week; now it stretches for 40 days, but this week is the highlight of the Christian faith.

Today is called "Maundy Thursday" or "Holy Thursday," which is the night Jesus celebrated the last supper — the Passover supper at that time — with his own disciples, even including Judas, who would betray him. Churches repeat this last supper as Holy Communion all over the world where Christianity is observed.

Then tomorrow is called "Good Friday," even though it is a day of great sadness and fasting; the day Jesus was crucified.

It is "good" because Christians believe his death saved humanity, coupled with the resurrection, three days later, as prophesied.

Many churches will be open for prayer all day tomorrow; services in the evening range from simple prayer services to longer tenebrae services; the ancient burial service with the reading of the last seven words Jesus spoke from the cross.

Early that first Easter, more than 2,000 years ago, scripture tells us that Jesus appeared first to two women: Mary Magdalene, and another Mary, as they came in sorrow to anoint his body in the tomb after the terrible death of Good Friday.

The story is told of Jesus greeting the weeping Mary with just one tender word, "Mary," in the garden outside the grave, as both women thought the body had been stolen. After recognition, He told her to go and "tell the others."

So began the first Easter morning. There are ... in both Protestant and Roman Catholic churches commemorating this event in Springfield and Mountainside, as well as traditional services of music and celebration on Easter morning, this Sunday.

Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Holding the palms she received for Palm Sunday, Spencer Murdock, 2, gets hugged by Father Jim McCrone outside Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Mountainside. Many local houses of worship will be conducting special services for Holy Week and Easter.

Springfield

• The Evangel Baptist Church, at 242 Shunpike Road, will offer Good Friday services at 7:30 p.m. The guest preacher will be the Rev. Richard Callahan.

On Easter Sunday, services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m., with interim pastor John Carroll preaching.

• Holy Cross Lutheran Church, at 639 Mountain Ave., will host Good Friday services at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday service will be at 10 a. m. the Rev. Reino Madsen will be preaching.

• St. James Roman Catholic Church, 45 South Springfield Ave., will offer a Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 tonight, celebrated by Father James Worth. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows the Mass.

On Good Friday, there will be a 9 a.m. prayer service.

The Stations of the Cross Bike Tour will be conducted at 9:30 a.m., with outdoor stations at 7:30 p.m. Father John Dennehy will celebrate the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. there will be the Living Stations of the Cross, presented by the St. James Youth Group.

On Holy Saturday, there will be the Great Easter Vigil beginning at 7:30 p.m., celebrated by the pastor, the Rev. Robert Stagg.

This begins outside with the blessing of the Easter Fire.

On Easter Sunday, there will be five Masses, as follows: 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., as well as a 12:30 p.m. Mass.

Choristers and the Cherub Choir will perform at 9:30 a.m.

• Emanuel United Methodist Church, at 40 Church Mall, will host Maundy Thursday services at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the form of a Christian Family Seder. This is open to the public, and geared to children and youth as well as adults.

On Good Friday, there will be a 7:30 p.m. service with dramatic readings and three guest vocalists with the Chancel Choir.

On Easter Sunday, there will be an informal 8:45 a.m. service for children, youth and adults, followed by a light breakfast at 9:45 a.m.

The traditional Easter service will be at 10:30 a.m., with the pastor, the Rev. Elaine Wing, preaching.

Mountainside

• Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, at 300 Central Ave., will host a 7:30 a.m. prayer service today, with a 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper tonight.

On Good Friday, there is a 3 p.m. Liturgy of Good Friday, including the reading of the Passion, and veneration of the cross and communion. At 7:30 p.m., there will be a tenebrae service of readings and song.

Holy Saturday will have a 7:30 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter, including the lighting of the fire. Easter Sunday Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., with an Easter egg hunt on the lawn following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The pastor, the Rev. John McCrone, will preach at all services.

• Community Presbyterian Church, at 1459 Deer Path, will offer Good Friday services at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday services will be at 10:30 a.m.

• Mountainside Gospel Chapel, at 1180 Spruce Drive, will offer a Good Friday service at 7 p.m., when the pastor, the Rev. Gregory Hagg, will do a demonstration of Christ in the Passion.

On Easter Sunday, there will be a *Resurrection Service at 11 a.m.*

High CO readings at residence draws alarm

FIRE BLOTTER

Mountainside

On March 17 at 9:14 a.m., firefighters responded to an activated carbon monoxide alarm in a residence located on Beech Avenue. The very high gas readings caused fire officers to evacuate the residence. Fire officers also contacted the gas company to send an emergency crew to assist in determining the cause of the high carbon monoxide readings.

It was determined that the homeowner's gas furnace was malfunctioning and an electric fan was used to vent the gas from the residence.

• On Sunday at 12:33 p.m., firefighters responded to an activated fire alarm activated by unattended cooking.

• On Saturday at 2:40 p.m., firefighters responded to a Union County mutual aid call to cover at the Fanwood fire headquarters while their fire trucks responded to a residential fire.

• On March 16 at 4:02 p.m., firefighters responded to an activated Central Station fire alarm in a restaurant located on Route 22 eastbound. An on scene investigation by fire officers determined that construction dust created by the remodeling contractor activated the fire alarm.

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• On Friday at 4:48 p.m., firefighters responded to Ashwood Road for a brush fire.

• On Friday at 11:29 a.m., firefighters responded to a Stone Hill apartment complex for a medical service call.

• On March 17 at 1:55 p.m., firefighters responded to South Springfield Avenue and Beverly Road for a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

• On March 17 at 3:12 p.m., firefighters responded to a Laurel Drive residence for a medical service call.

• Firefighters responded to a Maple Avenue apartment complex for an activated fire alarm on March 17 at 10:45 a.m.

• On March 15 at 11:24 a.m., firefighters responded to Morris Avenue and Keeler Street for a motor vehicle accident.

• On March 14 at 3:47 p.m., firefighters responded to Lyons Place for a brush fire.

• On March 13 at 2:49 p.m., firefighters responded to Route 78 west for a car fire.

• Firefighters responded to a Colfax Avenue residence for an activated carbon monoxide detector on March 13 at 8:35 a.m.

First Aid Squad kicks off capital fund drive

The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad will kick off its 2005 capital fund drive this coming week.

Fund drive Chairman Ray Netschert stated that mailers will be sent to every home and business address in Springfield.

Netschert reminds residents that the squad is a volunteer organization dedicated to providing emergency first aid services to all residents, including their families and those working in or passing through the township.

It responded to more than 1,250 emergency calls last year and there has never been a charge for its services.

The costs of operating this service for the community are significant and each and every household and business must lend its financial support to ensure that the squad can maintain and upgrade its equipment to the highest standards, said Netschert.

Netschert asks that residents look for the mailing and respond immediately with a fully tax-deductible donation. In addition, he asks residents to consider volunteering their time to this worthwhile and important organization.

Call 973-376-2040 or visit the squad's Web site at www.springfieldfas.org for more information.

The squad's headquarters building is located on N. Trivett Avenue, next to the Annex Building off Mountain Avenue.

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EDITORIALS

A time for rebirth

On Sunday, Christians celebrate Easter, the religious holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the son of God. But the celebrations of Easter have many customs and legends that are pagan in origin and have nothing to do with Christianity.

The word Easter is thought to come from the Scandinavian "Ostra" and the Teutonic "Ostern" or "Eastre," both Goddesses of mythology signifying spring and fertility whose festival was celebrated on the day of the vernal equinox. Traditions associated with the festival survive in the Easter rabbit, a symbol of fertility, and in colored easter eggs, originally painted with bright colors to represent the sunlight of spring and used in Easter-egg rolling contests or given as gifts.

The Christian celebration of Easter embodies a number of converging traditions with emphasis on the relation of Easter to the Jewish festival of Passover, an important feast in the Jewish calendar which is celebrated for eight days and commemorates the flight and freedom of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Easter is observed by the churches of the West on the first Sunday following the full moon that occurs on or following the spring equinox — March 21. So Easter became a "movable" feast that can occur as early as March 22 or as late as April 25.

Easter, like the beginning of spring, is a time for rebirth. Since Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden, humanity had been born with original sin. Jesus took the sins of humanity upon himself so that, when he died and was reborn, the human race was reborn as well. So enjoy the warmer weather of spring as you celebrate Easter with family and friends, remembering that this is time to celebrate our rebirth as well. Easter is a time to celebrate life, and the hope of renewal.

Get involved

With seven candidates competing, this year's Board of Education race in Springfield shows the potential for a healthy exchange of ideas on how to provide the best education for our children, which is the ultimate goal of every board member.

But without a candidates night, there's little chance the public will actually hear what the candidates have to say. These public forums, often run by the League of Women Voters, are vital to an active school community. So far, though, no one has come forth to announce a date for a candidates night. With less than a month before the April 19 election, there's little time to schedule one of these events.

However, with active involvement and organization, the League of Women Voters, or some other independent group, can still take the reins to set a date for a candidates night.

Doing so will go a long way toward helping the community become aware of what the candidates stand for, particularly since residents will be casting their ballots in April.

Be truthful

In Springfield, no one gets arrested. But criminals do have a penchant for breaking into cars and busting open locks at a Route 22 fitness facility.

At least, that's what one would be led to believe about Springfield if someone were to read the police blotters that we report each week.

According to the reports, which are always sparse, there is hardly any crime in Springfield outside of vandalism and theft. Yet somehow, the police departments for nearby Mountainside and Summit get reports of numerous arrests weekly. Their reports list active responses from police officers who are doing their jobs, making arrests and responding to emergencies. Maybe Springfield officers can't catch criminals, and that obviously would be a huge problem for the administration. Or maybe it's the police administration that doesn't want residents to know how badly crime is running rampant on our streets. We did see no fewer than seven police vehicles racing east on Morris Avenue on the night of March 10, all of them braking for quick lefts at Maple Street, where motorists actually can't make a left, so we know the police are out there.

It's hard to believe that weeks can go by and no arrests are made in Springfield, particularly since many of these drivers who get arrested on Route 22 in Mountainside have to pass through Springfield to get there.

Springfield officers must also be out there, doing their jobs too. But if no reports detail this, how is anyone to know? Having reports each week that show only cars with smashed windows and burglarized vehicles makes people think no crime beyond vandalism and theft occurs in town. But that's even too ridiculous to believe, even in Springfield.

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DR. SEUSS DAY — The Edward V. Walton School in Springfield joined schools throughout the nation who celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2 with lots of fun-filled activities that promoted the joy of reading. Enjoying the day with 'The Cat in the Hat' are Maggie Curry and Alison Schwartz, two students in Debbie Berger's kindergarten class.

When electric cars were a brand new invention

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

In going over some of the files the other day, some interesting items appeared in a small magazine that brought back memories of years ago. There was a picture of an automobile from the early 1920s that reminded us of a car we used to see on Morris Avenue near Orchard Street in Elizabeth.

This car was similar to many cars of that period. It was painted black, was enclosed with just one door on each side and had glass windows instead of isinglass. The steering wheel was on the right hand side of the box-like body that had compartments, both in the front and rear.

This little car might be quite popular today, for instead of a gasoline engine, one of those compartments contained an electric motor and the other held the several batteries that provided the power for that motor. In motion the car was very quiet, but not very fast, and the neighborhood children could outrun it for a short distance.

Flipping through the pages revealed a photo of a competitor's automobile that was very different from that electric vehicle. This was what we used to call a touring car, with a canvas roof that could be folded back to nestle over the rear end of the car, so that the several passengers of this four-door beauty could enjoy all of the breeze that was stirred up as they drove along the road.

This car had electric headlights, an improvement over the Prestolight Gas System still used at that time by some of the older vehicles.

There were no bumpers on either end of this car and the only parts of it that projected were the elliptical ends of the heavy flat steel springs that connected the body of the car to the axles and wheels. Visible in the photo are the six lugs that clamped the split rims of the tires to the spoked wheels.

Those old-style split rims were no fun if a motorist happened to have a blowout on the road and no spare tire to replace it. The tires had inner tubes in those days and it was necessary to compress the split rim in order to pull out the tube in order to patch the hole in it.

A very well-equipped motorist carried in his tool kit a mechanical rim compressor that could squeeze the rim enough so that the tube could be withdrawn, but while it was possible to squeeze the rim using just a pair of tire irons, it was a much more difficult task.

Gasoline stations were different in those days also, with some dealers having five or six pumps, each dispensing a different brand of gas. They were all hand-operated then and a crank was used to draw the gasoline up from an underground tank into a glass container on the top of the pump.

A gauge showed how many gallons were in the container, and then a valve on the hose allowed the gas to flow into the car's fuel tank.

Another item was an advertisement for an electric company that informed the public about some of the new and useful devices that were available for those houses that were wired for electricity. It was now possible to have an electrician replace your single outlet wall socket with a duplex unit, thus allowing you to plug in two appliances at the same time. You could also replace a screw-in light bulb with a screw-in adapter that could not only accept the bulb, but also the two-pronged plugs of two other accessories.

A further convenience for the home owner was a new transformer that could be wired directly into the electrical circuit of the house and would provide the necessary power for the front door bell. This transformer would replace the two large dry cells that were commonly used to make the electric doorbell ring at the touch of a button. Those dry cells had the annoying habit of going dead just at a very inconvenient time, leaving a visitor waiting at the door. In some cases, this visitor might be able to resort to old-fashioned mechanical door bell that was still installed in the door.

Another advertisement was designed to catch the eye of whomever was to do the laundry in the house. This was an ad for an electrically powered clothes washing machine that was supposed to wash clothes cleaner than any other, as it had a sediment trap that caught the dirt as it was removed from the clothes.

The machine had a perforated, round drum, mounted horizontally within a round-bottomed tank that contained the soapy water. As the drum was rotated, the clothes inside were lifted and dropped into the water, in much the same way the washing would have been done by hand. Theoretically, the dirt fell into the trap at the bottom of the tank and, therefore, the wash water was cleaner and so were the clothes.

This marvelous invention had a power-driven wringer mounted above and to one side of the tank, so that as the clean clothes were taken from the drum, the water could be squeezed from them and then rinsed in clear water in the laundry wash tubs. It was still a lot of work, but it was better than beating the clothes on a rock at the edge of a nearby brook.

William Frolich is president of the Union County Historical Society.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Voters should support school budget

To the Editor:

Editor's note: This letter was also signed by the PTA presidents from the Edward V. Walton School, the James Caldwell School, the Thelma L. Sandmeier School, the Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School and the PTSO president from Jonathan Dayton High School.

The five local PTA PTSO's urge the township of Springfield to exercise their right to vote.

Our local parent teacher student organizations have voted to support the Springfield district's 2005-2006 school budget, which reflects sound planning and fiscal accountability. We are asking each registered voter to consider the following reasons for their support of this budget.

First, our children's education is our primary concern. Second, continued enhancement of programs, i.e. technology, summer school, evening recreation, residential trips, instruction materials — these are necessary for classroom management as well as providing a well-rounded education. In addition, we need to maintain the high standards that have elevated our school district to the role model it has become.

We urge your support of this budget because it does maintain quality education in our school system while at the same time, taking into consideration, the taxpayer's concerns.

This election is important. We are asking each voter to go out and vote for the school budget on April 19. Polls are open from 2 to 9 p.m. Our children deserve the best education. You can make it happen by voting to support this budget.

Vice President Laura Delia
Community Conference Group of Springfield

All deserve praise for great show

To the Editor:

If you did not see it in Springfield on March 17, 18 or 19, then you certainly missed a great performance by the students of Jonathan Dayton High School in "The Wizard of Oz."

It was a marvelous production with excellent characterizations of Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Scarecrow and the Cowardly Lion as well as skillful portrayals of other important roles.

Anyone attending the shows would be very impressed with the proficient acting, singing — solos and choruses, dancing — tap, ballet and ensembles — with colorful and unique costumes and many enhancing scenery changes. A small group of musicians supplied the melodic famous tunes for the actors, actresses and dancers with "Over the Rainbow," "Yellow Brick Road," "If I Only Had a Brain... or Heart or Nerve," "We're Off to See the Wizard," "Merry Old Land of Oz," "Ding Dong! The Witch is Dead," "The Jitterbug," etc.

Of course, a real life Toto, Dorothy's dog, was there exhibiting perfect behavior and never missing a cue.

And the big surprise was the appearance of the Wizard on a huge video screen complete with a booming voice played by none other than the high school principal, Charles Serson, giving a performance that could launch him into an acting career after his retirement.

Together with the technicians for lighting, sound, props, scenery, costume design, choreography and ticket sales, DVD and "T" shirt offerings, printed program assemblage and publicity, this was a gigantic cooperative endeavor.

There are too many participants to mention by name since there were 59 cast members, plus many off-stage supporters. Nonetheless, their boundless enthusiasm was readily displayed as all seemed to do his or her chores with joy and gusto. But a major portion of the credit should certainly go to Tanya Boehme, who again proved her expertise in directing and supervising the music and vocals and assuming many other titles. Her leadership is outstanding as she garners the entire cast and staff to interpret such wonderful entertainment feats year after year.

So, next year, skip a so-so television situation comedy or minor sports game... or use your VCR to tape those programs and go out to enjoy a hometown treat while supporting and encouraging Springfield's talented and energetic high school performing entourage.

Hazel Hardgrove
Springfield

Our policy on letters and columns

The *Echo Leader* welcomes submissions from its readers. Letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

This opportunity also is open to all residents, officials and employees of both Springfield and Mountainside and the county of Union.

The *Echo Leader* reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

Letters must be no more than 500 words long; longer pieces must be arranged in advance with the editor. The *Echo Leader* accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The address is editorial@thelocalsource.com.

Letters and essays also may be sent via U.S. mail to 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, NJ 07083. For publication, all letters and guest columns must be received by 9 a.m. Mondays to be considered for publication in Thursday's edition.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF PASSED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following ordinance was passed and adopted on second and final reading at a Regular Meeting duly held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, New Jersey in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 15th day of March 2005.

Judith E. Osty, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1086-2005
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER IV OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE TO REQUIRE THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF ALL HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY WORK IN THE BOROUGH

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough and in an exercise of the municipal power to license, the Governing Body is desirous of enacting an ordinance requiring the licensing of Home Improvement Contractors who perform Home Improvement work in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, The Borough Building department is charged with enforcing the Building Code in the Borough, and issuing Certificates of Occupancy after construction of Home Improvements are satisfactorily completed; and

WHEREAS, the licensing of Contractors will further assist the Borough in monitoring the quality of such contractor's work and compliance with the Building Codes as well as providing necessary information about a Contractor's business should a compliance issue arise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey ordains as follows:

1. Chapter IV of the Code of the Borough of Mountainside shall be amended to include the following ordinance provisions:

Title: Home Improvement Contractor Licensing Requirements

A. Prior to the commencement of work on any Home Improvement in the Borough, which requires the issuance of a building permit, every Home Improvement Contractor shall register with the Borough Building Department and be issued a license for Home Improvement Work.

B. For the purposes of this ordinance the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. "Home Improvement" includes all construction, installation, replacement, improvement, or repair of any residential properties, including the conversion of a structure into a residential dwelling, which requires a permit from the Borough Building Department.

2. "Home Improvement Contractor" or "Contractor" means a person engaged in the business of making or selling home improvements and includes corporations, partnerships, associations and any other form of business organization or entity, and their officers, representatives, agents and employees, but excludes a residential home owner of a one or two family home who makes improvements to that residential one or two family home.

C. Registration and Licensing:

1. Every Home Improvement Contractor prior to undertaking Home Improvement work in the Borough shall register with the Borough by completing a short license application provided by the Building Department, which shall include the name and address of a contact person for the Contractor, a copy of the Contractor's NJ Contractor's certificate and registration number, and other such relevant information as the Building Department shall request, and provide payment of the licensing fee. The license shall be good for two years unless it is revoked sooner pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance.

2. Notwithstanding the above any person or business that is exempt from registration under N.J.A.C. 13:45A-17.4 is also exempt from the requirements of this ordinance.

3. The licensing fee for Contractors conducting work in the Borough shall be $100 every two years.

4. The Construction Official shall be responsible for collecting the licensing fee and keeping accurate records of license fees paid by Contractors.

D. Violations:

1. It shall be unlawful to conduct Home Improvement work in the Borough without a valid license issued pursuant to this ordinance.

2. It shall be unlawful to provide false or misleading information on an application for a Contractors license in the Borough.

3. It shall be unlawful to fail to comply with state, and local building codes and regulations regarding home improvements including the requirements for advertising, pricing and contract requirements.

E. Enforcement:

1. The Borough's Construction and Building Officials, Administrative Personnel and Police Department shall have the power and authority to enforce this ordinance.

2. Violations of this ordinance shall be charged a minimum fine of $250 for the first offense, and $500 for each subsequent offense.

3. A license granted under this ordinance may be revoked for any of the following reasons: 1) violations of this ordinance; 2) failure to comply with applicable state and local Building Code requirements; 3) failure to comply with state and local regulations regarding construction of Home Improvements, solicitation or advertising of Home Improvement work, and contract requirements for Home Improvement contracts; and 4) failure to maintain a valid NJ State Contractors Registration Certificate.

A Notice of Revocation shall be mailed to the Contractor, from the Construction Official, at the address provided on the license application, and shall include a brief statement of the reasons for the revocation, and the availability of an appeal to the Borough Administrator.

If the Contractor disputes the revocation of the license, the Contractor may within 30 days of the date of the Notice of Revocation file a written request for a hearing with the Borough Administrator. The Borough Administrator shall grant any such timely request for a hearing, which shall be conducted [illegible]. After the hearing, the Administrator shall issue a letter either confirming the revocation of the license, reinstating the license, or suspending the license for a period of time to be stated in the letter.

F. Severability:

Every section of this ordinance, or part thereof, shall be considered a separate provision to the extent that if any portion shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid that it shall not affect the remaining parts of this ordinance.

G. Effective Date:

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication thereof as provided by law.

U105733 ECL March 24, 2005 ($60.38)

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE is hereby given that the following resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey at the Reorganization Meeting held on January 4, 2005.

Judith E. Osty, RMC
Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 47-2005

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 provides that any contract or agreement may be made or awarded by the Mayor and Council without public advertisement for bids if the subject matter relates to professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside have determined that it is necessary to provide professional planning services to review certain portion of the Master Plan and Land Use Ordinance and make recommendations to the Planning Board for the Borough of Mountainside; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside [illegible] for the Borough of Mountainside and it is necessary to [illegible] agreement with [illegible];

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that Robert [illegible] Associates Inc. and hereby are hereby [illegible] to perform planning services on behalf of the Borough of Mountainside, without public bidding since this appointment is for professional services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the attached notice be published once in The Echo Leader of Mountainside within 10 days of this date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be, and hereby are, authorized to enter into a contract in accordance with the terms of this Resolution.

U105600 ECL March 24, 2005 ($20.25)

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

BROOK STREET IMPROVEMENTS
CONTRACT SP05-02

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids for BROOK STREET IMPROVEMENTS in the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY will be received at the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, Municipal Clerk's Office, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time.

The work generally consists of base course repair, construction of storm sewer inlets and piping, granite block curb installation, pavement milling, reset manholes, application of a hot mix asphalt overlay and other incidental work; all in accordance with the form of proposal, contract and specifications prepared by Keller & Kirkpatrick, Consulting Engineers - Surveyors - Planners - Landscape Architects, 900 Lanidex Plaza, Parsippany, New Jersey.

Plans and Specifications have been filed in the office of the Clerk of the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD and may be inspected by prospective bidders at the office of Keller & Kirkpatrick, 900 Lanidex Plaza, Parsippany, New Jersey or at the Township of Springfield, Municipal Clerk's Office, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey during business hours. Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Contract Documents, Plans, and Specifications at the office of Keller & Kirkpatrick or the Municipal Clerk's Office on proper notice. A non-refundable charge of $50.00 per set shall be paid to Keller & Kirkpatrick.

Bidders are notified that they must comply with the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act (Chapter 150 of the Laws of 1963, as amended) and that award will not be made to any bidder whom the Commissioner of Labor and Industry does not certify.

Bids shall be submitted on the forms provided, in the manner designated therein and required by the Specifications. They must be enclosed in sealed envelopes, bearing the name and address of the bidder and the name of the project on the outside, addressed to the Municipal Clerk, TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, and must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond in the form provided of not less than 10% of the amount of bid. Said check or bid bond may not be less than $500 nor shall it be more than $20,000 and must be accompanied by a Consent of Surety statement in the form provided from a Surety Company stating that the Surety Company will provide the bidder with a bond for 100% of the Contract amount in the event that the Contract is awarded to the bidder. A Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Record of Recent Contract Awards must also accompany the proposal on the forms provided.

PROPOSAL FORMS SHALL NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE FORM OF PROPOSAL. PROPOSALS MUST BE MADE UPON THE BLANK FORMS PROVIDED AND SUBMITTED IN THE BOUND BOOK WHICH SHALL BE LEFT WHOLE AND INTACT IN EVERY RESPECT.

Bidders must have at the time of bid, a Business Registration Certificate issued by the New Jersey Department of Treasury.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L.1975 Chapter 127 for an affirmative action program for equal employment opportunity.

If awarded a contract, your company/firm will be required to comply with the requirements of P.L.1975 C.127 (NJAC 17:27).

Bidders must also comply with the requirements of P.L.1977, Chapter 33 amending the Local Public Contracts Law. Bidders must submit a statement setting forth the names and addresses of all the stockholders in the corporation or members of the partnership who own ten percent (10%) or more of its stock, or have a ten percent (10%) or greater interest in the case of partnership.

No bid may be withdrawn for sixty (60) days after the opening of bids. A Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or all proposals will be rejected within sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

The Mayor and Township Committee of the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD reserve the right to reject all bids, to reject unbalanced bids, and to waive any informality in any bid.

U106139 ECL March 24, 2005 ($44.25)

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Judith E. Osty, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1087-2005
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER V, ANIMAL REGULATIONS, PROVISIONS OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO INCLUDE A PROHIBITION OF THE FEEDING OF WILD ANIMALS IN THE BOROUGH

U105718 ECL March 24, 2005 ($9.38)

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MAPLE AVENUE SANITARY SEWER RELINING
CONTRACT SP05-03

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids for MAPLE AVENUE SANITARY SEWER RELINING in the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY will be received at the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, Municipal Clerk's Office, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on Tuesday April 12, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time.

The work generally consists of relining of 10" sanitary sewer line and other incidental work; all in accordance with the form of proposal, contract and specifications prepared by Keller & Kirkpatrick, Consulting Engineers - Surveyors - Planners - Landscape Architects, 900 Lanidex Plaza, Parsippany, New Jersey.

Plans and Specifications have been filed in the office of the Clerk of the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD and may be inspected by prospective bidders at the office of Keller & Kirkpatrick, 900 Lanidex Plaza, Parsippany, New Jersey or at the Township of Springfield, Municipal Clerk's Office, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey during business hours. Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Contract Documents, Plans, and Specifications at the office of Keller & Kirkpatrick or the Municipal Clerk's Office on proper notice. A non-refundable charge of $50.00 per set shall be paid to Keller & Kirkpatrick.

Bidders are notified that they must comply with the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act (Chapter 150 of the Laws of 1963, as amended) and that award will not be made to any bidder whom the Commissioner of Labor and Industry does not certify.

Bids shall be submitted on the forms provided, in the manner designated therein and required by the Specifications. They must be enclosed in sealed envelopes, bearing the name and address of the bidder and the name of the project on the outside, addressed to the Municipal Clerk, TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, and must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond in the form provided of not less than 10% of the amount of bid. Said check or bid bond may not be less than $500 nor shall it be more than $20,000 and must be accompanied by a Consent of Surety statement in the form provided from a Surety Company stating that the Surety Company will provide the bidder with a bond for 100% of the Contract amount in the event that the Contract is awarded to the bidder. A Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Record of Recent Contract Awards must also accompany the proposal on the forms provided.

PROPOSAL FORMS SHALL NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE FORM OF PROPOSAL. PROPOSALS MUST BE MADE UPON THE BLANK FORMS PROVIDED AND SUBMITTED IN THE BOUND BOOK WHICH SHALL BE LEFT WHOLE AND INTACT IN EVERY RESPECT.

Bidders must have at the time of bid, a Business Registration Certificate issued by the New Jersey Department of Treasury.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L.1975 Chapter 127 for an affirmative action program for equal employment opportunity.

If awarded a contract, your company/firm will be required to comply with the requirements of P.L.1975 C.127 (NJAC 17:27).

Bidders must also comply with the requirements of P.L.1977, Chapter 33 amending the Local Public Contracts Law. Bidders must submit a statement setting forth the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation or members of the partnership who own ten percent (10%) or more of its stock, or have a ten percent (10%) or greater interest in the case of partnership.

No bid may be withdrawn for sixty (60) days after the opening of bids. A Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or all proposals will be rejected within sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

The Mayor and Township Committee of the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD reserves the right to reject all bids, to reject unbalanced bids, and to waive any informality in any bid.

U106138 ECL March 24, 2005 ($43.50)

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF PASSED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following ordinance was passed and adopted on second and final reading at a Regular Meeting duly held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, New Jersey in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 15th day of March, 2005.

Judith E. Osty, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1088-2005
AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($232,500) FOR THE RESURFACING OF GLOBE AVENUE

U106716 ECL March 24, 2005 ($9.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
COUNTY OF UNION NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union, State of New Jersey held on the 15th day of March 2005 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 19th day of April 2005 at 8:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

Judith E. Osty, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1091-2005
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER THIRTEEN OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE REGARDING ROAD OPENING PERMITS ON NEWLY PAVED ROADS

WHEREAS, the Borough is responsible for maintaining and paving local roads within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough each year expends tax money repaving and improving local roadways; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Transportation regulations which prohibit the issuance of road opening permits for excavation of roads within the first five years of the repaving of a roadway; and

WHEREAS, excavation within local roadways has been found to significantly, and prematurely, deteriorate the condition of the roadway to the detriment of the traveling public and the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has, as a matter of practice for many years, employed the same five (5) year standard as the State and now desires to codify this practice in its Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside as follows:

The following section shall be added as a new paragraph to the end of Chapter XIII, Streets, Sidewalks and Sanitation

Five Year Restriction on Road Openings: Notwithstanding the above, permission shall not be granted for the opening of a Borough road within five (5) years of the completion of the repaving of such road. Except that the Borough Engineer may grant a waiver of this restriction in the following circumstances: 1) at the request of a utility company for the emergency repair of existing utility lines, mains, pipes etc.; or 2) upon sufficient evidence that the pavement on the road segment to be excavated has significantly deteriorated since the time of the last repaving, and that the proposed excavation will not have a materially negative effect on the already deteriorating condition of the road. Should an applicant believe it meets the standard set forth in 2, above, an application may be made in writing to the Borough Engineer who shall forward it to the Governing Body for final determination. The granting of such a waiver by the Governing Body may include the requirement of additional conditions and safeguards, including the deposit of additional performance and maintenance fees may be required. The Borough Engineer shall provide a memorandum to the Governing Body with an evaluation of the applicant's request and suggestions as to additional conditions for the Governing Body's consideration.

This Ordinance shall take effect after final reading and publication as provided by law.

U105724 ECL March 24, 2005 ($36.75)

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

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Judith E. Osty, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1092-2005
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII, SECTION 32 SCHEDULE XVII OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT ON NEW PROVIDENCE ROAD FROM DEER PATH TO TRACY DRIVE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that Schedule XVII of Chapter VII of the Code of the Borough of Mountainside be amended to provide that the speed limit for both directions of traffic along New Providence Road from Deer Path to Tracy Drive shall be 30 miles per hour.

This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication hereof after final passage.

U106723 ECL March 24, 2005 ($17.25)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH756202
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F866104
PLAINTIFF: CHAMPION MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF KEY BANK, USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUC. TO THE INTERESTS OF CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC.
DEFENDANT: JOHNNIE R. BANKS, JR., ET ALS.
WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: JANUARY 26, 2005
SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 20TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 2005

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1st FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, ELIZABETH, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the TWP of SPRINGFIELD, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 955 S. SPRINGFIELD AVE, UNIT C-407, SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081.

Tax Lot No. 2.256CC407 in Block No. 4001

Unit C-407, situated in Springfield Park Place, A Condominium, together with an undivided .231% interest in the Common Elements and the Residential Limited Commonly Elements of the Condominium (referred to in this deed as the "Unit"). The conveyance evidenced by this Deed is made under the provisions of and is subject to the NJ Condominium Act and the Planned Real Estate Development Full Disclosure Act, as amended and any applicable regulations adopted under either law. The conveyance evidenced by this deed is also made in accordance with the terms, limitations, conditions, covenants, restrictions, easements, agreements and other provisions set forth in that certain Master Deed for Springfield Park Place, A Condominium dated May 24, 1988 and recorded May 26, 1988 in Book 3552 at Page 660, with first amendment dated June 15, 1988 and recorded June 17, 1988 in Deed Book 3555 at Page 875 and any further amendments thereto.

"THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION."

PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES
To be announced.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN & 71/100 ($127,937.71)

ATTORNEY:
FEIN SUCH KAHN & SHEPARD, P.C.
SUITE 201
7 CENTURY DRIVE
PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054
SHERIFF: RALPH FROEHLICH
FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
ONE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN & 14/100
TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT ($142,667.14)
March 24, 31 April 7, 14, 2005
U104668 ECL ($130.50)

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF PASSED ORDINANCE

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Judith E. Osty, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1089-2005
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER IX, BUILDING AND HOUSING, OF THE BOROUGH CODE RELATING TO BUILDING PERMIT FEES AND CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY

U105720 ECL March 24, 2005 ($9.00)

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH756169
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F1065804
PLAINTIFF: WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA
DEFENDANT: PHILLIP J. KESTENBAUM
WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: JANUARY 18, 2005
SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER A.D. 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1st FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, ELIZABETH, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

Property to be sold is located in the Township of Springfield in the County of Union, State of New Jersey

Commonly known as: 64 Golf Oval, Springfield, NJ 07081

Tax Lot No.: 16 in block 1703

Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 136ft x 40ft x 32ft x 17ft x 142ft.

Nearest Cross Street: Mountain Avenue

Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.

Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT
FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX & 34/100 ($422,996.34)

ATTORNEY:
ZUCKER GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN
ATTORNEYS
SUITE 301
200 SHEFFIELD STREET
MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092
1-908-233-8500 XCZ-62819
SHERIFF: RALPH FROEHLICH
FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-TWO & 00/100
TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT ($450,842.00)
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2005
U103507 ECL ($90.00)

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

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Judith E. Osty, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1085-2005
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XIV, EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEMS, OF THE BOROUGH CODE RELATING TO FEES FOR PRIVATE ALARMS

U105719 ECL March 24, 2005 ($8.63)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, NJ

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND THE PAY OR COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN POSITIONS WITHIN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEARS 2005-2006

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Ordinance was finally passed and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, on second and final reading at a meeting held on March 22, 2005.

KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI
Township Clerk

U106511 ECL March 24, 2005 ($7.50)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, NJ

TAKE NOTICE that the Work Shop Meetings of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, scheduled on the Second and Fourth Monday of every month in the year 2005, has been rescheduled for first and third Tuesday of each month beginning with April 5, 2005, at 7:30 p.m.

KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC
Township Clerk

U105813 ECL Mar. 24, 31, 2005 ($11.25)

Springfield, New Jersey
County of Union, New Jersey

TAKE NOTICE, that there will be a Special Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, State of New Jersey, Tuesday, March 29, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, Municipal Building. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the 2005 Municipal Budget. Action may be taken.

KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI
Township Clerk

U106308 ECL March 24, 2005 ($8.25)

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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Judith E. Osty, RMC CMR
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1090-2005
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE STORM CONTROL AND FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE AND IMPLEMENTING THE STORM WATER CONTROL REGULATIONS, N.J.A.C. 7:8-4.6, PROMULGATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

WHEREAS, The Borough of Mountainside is subject to the storm water control regulations enacted by the Department of Environmental Protection under N.J.A.C. 7:8-4.1et seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the DEP Regulations the Borough desires to amend and supplement the Borough's existing storm water control regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has reviewed the proposed Storm water Control Ordinance and recommends adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the following shall be adopted as the Storm Water Control Ordinance of the Borough.

Title: STORM WATER CONTROL ORDINANCE

Section 1: Scope and Purpose

A. Policy Statement

Flood control, groundwater recharge, and pollutant reduction through nonstructural or low impact techniques shall be explored before relying on structural BMPs. Structural BMPs should be integrated with nonstructural storm water management strategies and proper maintenance plans. Nonstructural strategies include both environmentally sensitive site design and source controls that prevent pollutants from being placed on the site or from being exposed to storm water. Source control plans should be developed based upon physical site conditions and the origin, nature, and the anticipated quantity or amount of potential pollutants. Multiple storm water management BMPs may be necessary to achieve the established performance standards for water quality, quantity, and groundwater recharge.

B. Purpose

It is the purpose of this ordinance to establish minimum storm water management requirements and controls for "major development," as defined in Section 2.

C. Applicability

1. This ordinance shall be applicable to all site plans and subdivisions for the following major developments that require preliminary or final site plan or subdivision review:

Non-residential major developments; and

Aspects of residential major developments that are not pre-empted by the Residential Site Improvement Standards at N.J.A.C. 5:21.

2. This ordinance shall also be applicable to all major developments undertaken by the Borough of Mountainside.

D. Compatibility with Other Permit and Ordinance Requirements

Development approvals issued for subdivisions and site plans pursuant to this ordinance are to be considered an integral part of development approvals under the subdivision and site plan review process and do not relieve the applicant of the responsibility to secure required permits or approvals for activities regulated by any other applicable code, rule, act, or ordinance. In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this ordinance shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety, and general welfare. This ordinance is not intended to interfere with, abrogate, or annul any other ordinances, rule or regulation, statute, or other provision of law except that, where any provision of this ordinance imposes restrictions different from those imposed by any other ordinance, rule or regulation, or other provision of law, the more restrictive provisions or higher standards shall control.

Section 2: Definitions

Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in this ordinance shall be interpreted so as to give them the meaning they have in common usage and to give this ordinance its most reasonable application. The definitions below are the same as or based on the corresponding definitions in the Storm water Management Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:8-1.2.

"CAFRA Planning Map" means the geographic depiction of the boundaries for Coastal Planning Areas, CAFRA Centers, CAFRA Cores and CAFRA Nodes pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:7E-5B.3.

"CAFRA Centers, Cores or Nodes" means those areas within boundaries accepted by the Department pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:8E-5B.

"Compaction" means the increase in soil bulk density.

"Core" means a pedestrian-oriented area of commercial and civic uses serving the surrounding municipality, generally including housing and access to public transportation.

"County review agency" means an agency designated by the County Board of Chosen Freeholders to review municipal storm water management plans and implementing ordinance(s). The county review agency may either be:

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, CHAPTER XXVII, PARKS, POOLS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS, TO REVISE FEES AND RULES FOR THE SPRINGFIELD MUNICIPAL POOL, POOL DAY CAMP AND CHISHOLM DAY CAMP, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I - AMENDMENTS

(A) Section 27-6.7 Fee; Use of Receipts, is hereby amended to replace paragraphs (c)(3) and (4) with the following:

c. *Fees for Municipal Pool*

3. Private swim lessons (per child, per two (2) half-hour sessions) $46.00

4. Group swim lessons (per three-week session):
First child in family $40.00
Each additional child in family 35.00

(B) Section 27-6.10 Hours of Operation, is hereby amended to replace paragraph (b) with the following:

b. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except Memorial Day weekend and each weekend thereafter until the pool opens on a daily basis: 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

(C) Section 27-8.2 Membership, shall be amended to add the following sentence: There shall be a Counselor in Training (C.I.T.) program available for those children who have or will become 13 years of age during the 12 month period ending on December 1 of the year of the program.

(D) Section 27-8.3 Camp Sessions, shall be amended to read as follows: The day camp shall operate nine (9) sessions, each of which shall operate on specific days and dates as established on a year-to-year basis. Session A (part I) shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on all weekdays during the first four (4) weeks during which the camp is in session; Session A (part II) shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on all weekdays during the second four (4) weeks during which the camp is in session; Session B (part I) shall be from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all weekdays during the first four (4) weeks during which the camp is in session; Session B (part II) shall be from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all weekdays during the second four (4) weeks during which the camp is in session; Session C (part I) shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all weekdays during the first four (4) weeks during which the camp is in session; Session C (part II) shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all weekdays during the second four (4) weeks during which the camp is in session; Session D (Saturday "Theme Days") shall be from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m on all Saturdays during the first eight (8) weeks during which the camp is in session; Session E shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all weekdays during the ninth week in which camp is in session; Session F shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all weekdays during the tenth week in which camp is in session. There shall also be a Breakfast Club from 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. and After Care from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., on all days on which camp is in session.

(E) Section 27-8.4 Fees, is hereby amended to replace paragraphs (a), (b) and (d), establish paragraph (e), and replace the parenthetical phrase, as follows:

a. *Session A or Session B (Pool Members Only):*
Part I and Part II, resident $425.00*
Part I and Part II, nonresident 475.00
Part I only or Part II only, resident 300.00*
Part I only or Part II only, nonresident 400.00

b. *Session C:*
Part I and Part II:
Pool member, resident $750.00*
Pool member, nonresident 900.00
Non-member, resident 950.00
Non-member, nonresident 1,200.00

Part I or Part II:
Pool member, resident $500.00*
Pool member, nonresident 600.00

d. *Session E or Session F, each (pool members only):*
Resident $180.00
Nonresident 200.00

e. *Extended Sessions:*
Breakfast Club . . . . . . $ 25.00 per week
After Care . . . . . . 20.00 per week

*(For two or more children, a $25.00 per full session or $10.00 per part session discount for each additional child shall be deducted. For payments made prior to April 30, there will be, per child, a $25.00 per full session or $10.00 per part session discount.)

SECTION II - RATIFICATION

Except as expressly modified herein, all other provisions and terms of the Code of the Township of Springfield shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III - SEVERABILITY

In case any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall not effect or invalidate the remainder of any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance, and to this end, the provisions of each section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION IV - REPEAL

Any ordinance or portion of any ordinance which is inconsistent with the modifications of this ordinance is repealed to the extent of its inconsistency.

SECTION V - EFFECTIVE DATE

The foregoing Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication thereof according to law.

I, Kathleen D. Wisniewski, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, March 22, 2005, and that said Ordinance shall be submitted for consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held on April 12, 2005, in the Springfield Municipal Building at 8:00 p.m., at which time and place any person or persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. Copy is posted on the bulletin board in the office of the Township Clerk.

KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC
Township Clerk

U105532 ECL March 24, 2004 ($88.50)

A county planning agency or

A county water resource association created under [illegible] that the ordinance or resolution delegates authority to approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove municipal storm water management plans and implementing ordinances.

"Department" means the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

"Designated Center" means a State Development and Redevelopment Plan Center as designated by the State Planning Commission such as urban, regional, town, village, or hamlet.

"Design engineer" means a person professionally qualified and duly licensed in New Jersey to perform engineering services that may include, but not necessarily be limited to, development of project requirements, creation and development of project design and preparation of drawings and specifications.

"Development" means the division of a parcel of land into two or more parcels, the construction, reconstruction, conversion, structural alteration, relocation or enlargement of any building or structure, any mining excavation or landfill, and any use or change in the use of any building or other structure, or land or extension of use of land, by any person, for which permission is required under the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq. In the case of development of agricultural lands, development means: any activity that requires a State permit; any activity reviewed by the County Agricultural Board (CAB) and the State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC), and municipal review of any activity not exempted by the Right to Farm Act, N.J.S.A. 4:1C-1 et seq.

"Drainage area" means a geographic area within which storm water, sediments, or dissolved materials drain to a particular receiving water body or to a particular point along a receiving water body.

"Environmentally critical areas" means an area or feature which is of significant environmental value, including but not limited to: stream corridors; natural heritage priority sites; habitat of endangered or threatened species; large areas of contiguous open space or upland forest; steep slopes; and well head protection and groundwater recharge areas. Habitats of endangered or threatened species are identified using the Department's Landscape Project as approved by the Department's Endangered and Non-game Species Program.

"Empowerment Neighborhood" means a neighborhood designated by the Urban Coordinating Council "in consultation and conjunction with" the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority pursuant to N.J.S.A. 55:19-69.

"Erosion" means the detachment and movement of soil or rock fragments by water, wind, ice or gravity.

"Impervious surface" means a surface that has been covered with a layer of material so that it is highly resistant to infiltration by water.

"Infiltration" is the process by which water seeps into the soil from precipitation.

"Major development" means any "development" that provides for ultimately disturbing one or more acres of land. Disturbance for the purpose of this rule is the placement of impervious surface or exposure and/or movement of soil or bedrock or clearing, cutting, or removing of vegetation.

"Municipality" means any city, borough, town, township, or village.

"Node" means an area designated by the State Planning Commission concentrating facilities and activities which are not organized in a compact form.

"Nutrient" means a chemical element or compound, such as nitrogen or phosphorus, which is essential to and promotes the development of organisms.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, Borough of Mountainside or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.

"Pollutant" means any dredged spoil, solid waste, incinerator residue, filter backwash, sewage, garbage, refuse, oil, grease, sewage sludge, munitions, chemical wastes, biological materials, medical wastes, radioactive substance (except those regulated under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.)), thermal waste, wrecked or discarded equipment, rock, sand, cellar dirt, industrial, municipal, agricultural, and construction waste or runoff, or other residue discharged directly or indirectly to the land, ground waters or surface waters of the State, or to a domestic treatment works. "Pollutant" includes both hazardous and nonhazardous pollutants.

"Recharge" means the amount of water from precipitation that infiltrates into the ground and is not evapotranspired.

"Sediment" means solid material, mineral or organic, that is in suspension, is being transported, or has been moved from its site of origin by air, water or gravity as a product of erosion.

"Site" means the lot or lots upon which a major development is to occur or has occurred.

"Soil" means all unconsolidated mineral and organic material of any origin.

"State Development and Redevelopment Plan Metropolitan Planning Area (PA1)" means an area delineated on the State Plan Policy Map and adopted by the State Planning Commission that is intended to be the focus for much of the state's future redevelopment and revitalization efforts.

"State Plan Policy Map" is defined as the geographic application of the State Development and Redevelopment Plan's goals and statewide policies, and the official map of these goals and policies.

"Storm water" means water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land's surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, or is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewage or drainage facilities, or conveyed by snow removal equipment.

"Storm water runoff" means water flow on the surface of the ground or in storm sewers, resulting from precipitation.

"Storm water management basin" means an excavation or embankment and related areas designed to retain storm water runoff. A storm water management basin may either be normally dry (that is, a detention basin or infiltration basin), retain water in a permanent pool (a retention basin), or be planted mainly with wetland vegetation (most constructed storm water wetlands).

"Storm water management measure" means any structural or nonstructural strategy, practice, technology, process, program, or other method intended to control or reduce storm water runoff and associated pollutants, or to induce or control the infiltration or groundwater recharge of storm water or to eliminate illicit or illegal non-storm water discharges into storm water conveyances.

"Tidal Flood Hazard Area" means a flood hazard area, which may be influenced by storm water runoff from inland areas, but which is primarily caused by the Atlantic Ocean.

"Urban Coordinating Council Empowerment Neighborhood" means a neighborhood given priority access to State resources through the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority.

"Urban Enterprise Zones" means a zone designated by the New Jersey Enterprise Zone Authority pursuant to the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zones Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27H-60 et. seq.

"Urban Redevelopment Area" is defined as previously developed portions of areas:

(1) Delineated on the State Plan Policy Map (SPPM) as the Metropolitan Planning Area (PA1), Designated Centers, Cores or Nodes;

(2) Designated as CAFRA Centers, Cores or Nodes;

(3) Designated as Urban Enterprise Zones; and

(4) Designated as Urban Coordinating Council Empowerment Neighborhoods.

"Waters of the State" means the ocean and its estuaries, all springs, streams, wetlands, and bodies of surface or ground water, whether natural or artificial, within the boundaries of the State of New Jersey or subject to its jurisdiction.

"Wetlands" or "wetland" means an area that is inundated or saturated by surface water or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances does support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions, commonly known as hydrophytic vegetation.

Section 3: General Standards

A. Design and Performance Standards for Storm water Management Measures

1. Storm water management measures for major development shall be developed to meet the erosion control, groundwater recharge, storm water runoff quantity, and storm water runoff quality standards in Section 4. To the maximum extent practicable, these standards shall be met by incorporating nonstructural storm water management strategies into the design. If these strategies alone are not sufficient to meet these standards, structural storm water management measures necessary to meet these standards shall be incorporated into the design.

2. The standards in this ordinance apply only to new major development and are intended to minimize the impact of storm water runoff on water quality and water quantity in receiving water bodies and maintain groundwater recharge. The standards do not apply to new major development to the extent that alternative design and performance standards are applicable under a regional storm water management plan or Water Quality Management Plan adopted in accordance with Department rules.

Section 4: Storm water Management Requirements for Major Development

A. The development shall incorporate a maintenance plan for the storm water management measures incorporated into the design of a major development in accordance with Section 10.

B. Storm water management measures shall avoid adverse impacts of concentrated flow on habitat for threatened and endangered species as documented in the Department' Landscape Project or Natural Heritage Database established under N.J.S.A. 13:1B-15.147 through 15.150, particularly *Helonias bullata* (swamp pink) and/or *Clemmys muhlnebergi* (bog turtle).

C. The following linear development projects are exempt from the groundwater recharge, storm water runoff quantity, and storm water runoff quality requirements of Sections 4.F and 4.G:

1. The construction of an underground utility line provided that the disturbed areas are revegetated upon completion;

2. The construction of an aboveground utility line provided that the existing conditions are maintained to the maximum extent practicable; and

3. The construction of a public pedestrian access, such as a sidewalk or trail with a maximum width of 14 feet, provided that the access is made of permeable material.

D. A waiver from strict compliance from the groundwater recharge, storm water runoff quantity, and storm water runoff quality requirements of Sections 4.F and 4.G may be obtained for the enlargement of an existing public roadway or railroad; or the construction or enlargement of a public pedestrian access, provided that the following conditions are met:

1. The applicant demonstrates that there is a public need for the project that cannot be accomplished by any other means;

2. The applicant demonstrates through an alternatives analysis, that through the use of nonstructural and structural storm water management strategies and measures, the option selected complies with the requirements of Sections 4.F and 4.G to the maximum extent practicable;

3. The applicant demonstrates that, in order to meet the requirements of Sections 4.F and 4.G, existing structures currently in use, such as homes and buildings, would need to be condemned; and

4. The applicant demonstrates that it does not own or have other rights to areas, including the potential to obtain through condemnation lands not falling under D.3 above within the upstream drainage area of the receiving stream, that would provide additional opportunities to mitigate the requirements of Sections 4.F and 4.G that were not achievable on-site.

E. Nonstructural Storm water Management Strategies

1. To the maximum extent practicable, the standards in Sections 4.F and 4.G shall be met by incorporating nonstructural storm water management strategies set forth at Section 4.E into the design. The applicant shall identify the nonstructural measures incorporated into the design of the project. If the applicant contends that it is not feasible for engineering, environmental, or safety reasons to incorporate any nonstructural storm water management measures identified in Paragraph 2 below into the design of a particular project, the applicant shall identify the strategy considered and provide a basis for the contention.

2. Nonstructural storm water management strategies incorporated into site design shall:

a. Protect areas that provide water quality benefits or areas particularly susceptible to erosion and sediment loss;

b. Minimize impervious surfaces and break up or disconnect the flow of runoff over impervious surfaces;

c. Maximize the protection of natural drainage features and vegetation;

d. Minimize the decrease in the "time of concentration" from pre-construction to post construction. "Time of concentration" is defined as the time it takes for runoff to travel from the hydraulically most distant point of the watershed to the point of interest within a watershed;

e. Minimize land disturbance including clearing and grading;

f. Minimize soil compaction;

g. Provide low-maintenance landscaping that encourages retention and planting of native vegetation and minimizes the use of lawns, fertilizers and pesticides;

h. Provide vegetated open-channel conveyance systems discharging into and through stable vegetated areas;

i. Provide other source controls to prevent or minimize the use or exposure of pollutants at the site, in order to prevent or minimize the release of those pollutants into storm water runoff. Such source controls include, but are not limited to:

(1) Site design features that help to prevent accumulation of trash and debris in drainage systems, including features that satisfy Section 4.E.3. below;

(2) Site design features that help to prevent discharge of trash and debris from drainage systems;

(3) Site design features that help to prevent and/or contain spills or other harmful accumulations of pollutants at industrial or commercial developments; and

When establishing vegetation after land disturbance, applying fertilizer in accordance with the requirements established under the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Act, N.J.S.A. 4:24-39 et seq., and implementing rules.

3. Site design features identified under Section 4.E.2.i.(2) above shall comply with the following standard to control passage of solid and floatable materials through storm drain inlets. For purposes of this paragraph, "solid and floatable materials" means sediment, debris, trash, and other floating, suspended, or settleable solids. For exemptions to this standard see Section 4.E.3.c below.

a. Design engineers shall use either of the following grates whenever they use a grate in pavement or another ground surface to collect storm water from that surface into a storm drain or surface water body under that grate:

(1) The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) bicycle safe grate, which is described in Chapter 2.4 of the NJDOT Bicycle Compatible Roadways and Bikeways Planning and Design Guidelines (April 1996); or

(2) A different grate, if each individual clear space in that grate has an area of no more than seven (7.0) square inches, or is no greater than 0.5 inches across the smallest dimension.

Examples of grates subject to this standard include grates in grate inlets, the grate portion (non-curb-opening portion) of combination inlets, grates on storm sewer manholes, ditch grates, trench grates, and grates of spacer bars in slotted drains. Examples of ground surfaces include surfaces of roads (including bridges), driveways, parking areas, bikeways, plazas, sidewalks, lawns, fields, open channels, and storm water basin floors.

b. Whenever design engineers use a curb-opening inlet, the clear space in that curb opening (or each individual clear space, if the curb opening has two or more clear spaces) shall have an area of no more than seven (7.0) square inches, or be no greater than two (2.0) inches across the smallest dimension.

c. This standard does not apply:

(1) Where the review agency determines that this standard would cause inadequate hydraulic performance that could not practicably be overcome by using additional or larger storm drain inlets that meet these standards;

(2) Where flows from the water quality design storm as specified in Section 4.G.1 are conveyed through any device (e.g., end of pipe netting facility, manufactured treatment device, or a catch basin hood) that is designed, at a minimum, to prevent delivery of all solid and floatable materials that could not pass through one of the following:

(a) A rectangular space four and five-eighths inches long and one and one-half inches wide (this option does not apply for outfall netting facilities); or

(b) A bar screen having a bar spacing of 0.5 inches.

(3) Where flows are conveyed through a trash rack that has parallel bars with one-inch (1") spacing between the bars, to the elevation of the water quality design storm as specified in Section 4.G.1; or

(4) Where the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection determines, pursuant to the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:4-7.2(c), that action to meet this standard is an undertaking that constitutes an encroachment or will damage or destroy the New Jersey Register listed historic property.

4. Any land area used as a nonstructural storm water management measure to meet the performance standards in Sections 4.F and 4.G shall be dedicated to a government agency, subjected to a conservation restriction filed with the appropriate County Clerk's office, or subject to an approved equivalent restriction that ensures that measure or an equivalent storm water management measure approved by the reviewing agency is maintained in perpetuity.

5. Guidance for nonstructural storm water management strategies is available in the New Jersey Storm water Best Management Practices Manual. The BMP Manual may be obtained from the address identified in Section 7, or found on the Department's website at www.njstormwater.org.

F. Erosion Control, Groundwater Recharge and Runoff Quantity Standards

1. This subsection contains minimum design and performance standards to control erosion, encourage and control infiltration and groundwater recharge, and control storm water runoff quantity impacts of major development.

a. The minimum design and performance standards for erosion control are those established under the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Act, N.J.S.A. 4:24-39 et seq. and implementing rules.

b. The minimum design and performance standards for groundwater recharge are as follows:

(1) The design engineer shall, using the assumptions and factors for storm water runoff and groundwater recharge calculations at Section 5, either:

(a) Demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that the site and its storm water management measures maintain 100 percent of the average annual pre-construction groundwater recharge volume for the site; or

(b) Demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that the increase of storm water runoff volume from pre-construction to post-construction for the 2-year storm is infiltrated.

(2) This groundwater recharge requirement does not apply to projects within the "urban redevelopment area," or to projects subject to (3) below.

(3) The following types of storm water shall not be recharged:

(a) Storm water from areas of high pollutant loading. High pollutant loading areas are areas in industrial and commercial developments where solvents and/or petroleum products are loaded/unloaded, stored, or applied, areas where pesticides are loaded/unloaded or stored; areas where hazardous materials are expected to be present in greater than "reportable quantities" as defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR 302.4; areas where recharge would be inconsistent with Department approved remedial action work plan or landfill closure plan and areas with high risks for spills of toxic materials, such as gas stations and vehicle maintenance facilities; and

(b) Industrial storm water exposed to "source material." "Source material" means any material(s) or machinery, located at an industrial facility, that is directly or indirectly related to process, manufacturing or other industrial activities, which could be a source of pollutants in any industrial storm water discharge to groundwater. Source materials include, but are not limited to, raw materials; intermediate products; final products; waste materials; by-products; industrial machinery and fuels, and lubricants, solvents, and detergents that are related to process, manufacturing, or other industrial activities that are exposed to storm water.

(4) The design engineer shall assess the hydraulic impact on the groundwater table and design the site so as to avoid adverse hydraulic impacts. Potential adverse hydraulic impacts include, but are not limited to, exacerbating a naturally or seasonally high water table so as to cause surficial ponding, flooding of basements, or interference with the proper operation of subsurface sewage disposal systems and other subsurface structures in the vicinity or downgradient of the groundwater recharge area.

c. In order to control storm water runoff quantity impacts, the design engineer shall, using the assumptions and factors for storm water runoff calculations at Section 5, complete one of the following:

(1) Demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that for storm water leaving the site, post-construction runoff hydrographs for the two, 10, and 100-year storm events do not exceed, at any point in time, the pre-construction runoff hydrographs for the same storm events;

(2) Demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that there is no increase, as compared to the pre-construction condition, in the peak runoff rates of storm water leaving the site for the two, 10, and 100-year storm events and that the increased volume or change in timing of storm water runoff will not increase flood damage at or downstream of the site. This analysis shall include the analysis of impacts of existing land uses and projected land uses assuming full development under existing zoning and land use ordinances in the drainage area;

(3) Design storm water management measures so that the post-construction peak runoff rates for the 2, 10 and 100 year storm events are 50, 75 and 80 percent, respectively, of the pre-construction peak runoff rates. The percentages apply only to the post-construction storm water runoff that is attributable to the portion of the site on which the proposed development or project is to be constructed. The percentages shall not be applied to post-construction storm water runoff into tidal flood hazard areas if the increased volume of storm water runoff will not increase flood damages below the point of discharge; or

(4) In tidal flood hazard areas, storm water runoff quantity analysis in accordance with (1), (2) and (3) above shall only be applied if the increased volume of storm water runoff could increase flood damages below the point of discharge.

2. Any application for a new agricultural development that meets the definition of major development at Section 2 shall be submitted to the appropriate Soil Conservation District for review and approval in accordance with the requirements of this section and any applicable Soil Conservation District guidelines for storm water runoff quantity and erosion control. For the purposes of this section, "agricultural development" means land uses normally associated with the production of food, fiber and livestock for sale. Such uses do not include the development of land for the processing or sale of food and the manufacturing of agriculturally related products.

G. Storm water Runoff Quality Standards

1. Storm water management measures shall be designed to reduce the post-construction load of total suspended solids (TSS) in storm water runoff by 80 percent of the anticipated load from the developed site, expressed as an annual average. Storm water management measures shall only be required for water quality control if an additional 1/4 acre of impervious surface is being proposed on a development site. The requirement to reduce TSS does not apply to any storm water runoff in a discharge regulated under a numeric effluent limitation for TSS imposed under the New Jersey Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) rules, N.J.A.C. 7:14A, or in a discharge specifically exempt under a NJPDES permit from this requirement. The water quality design storm is 1.25 inches of rainfall in two hours. Water quality calculations shall take into account the distribution of rain from the water quality design storm, as reflected in Table 1. The calculation of the volume of runoff may take into account the implementation of non-structural and structural storm water management measures.

Table 1: Water Quality Design Storm Distribution

0	0.0000	65	0.8917
5	0.0083	70	0.9917
10	0.0166	75	1.0500
15	0.0250	80	1.0840
20	0.0500	85	1.1170
25	0.0780	90	1.1500
30	0.1000	95	1.1750
35	0.1330	100	1.2000
40	0.1660	105	1.2250
45	0.2000	110	1.2334
50	0.2583	115	1.2417
55	0.3583	120	1.2500
60	0.6250		

2. For purposes of TSS reduction calculations, Table 2 below presents the presumed removal rates for certain BMPs designed in accordance with the New Jersey Storm water Best Management Practices Manual. The BMP Manual may be obtained from the address identified in Section 7, or found on the Department's website at www.njstormwater.org. The BMP Manual and other sources of technical guidance are listed in Section 7. TSS reduction shall be calculated based on the removal rates for the BMPs in Table 2 below. Alternative removal rates and methods of calculating removal rates may be used if the design engineer provides documentation demonstrating the capability of these alternative rates and methods to the review agency. A copy of any approved alternative rate or method of calculating the removal rate shall be provided to the Department at the following address: Division of Watershed Management, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, PO Box 418 Trenton, New Jersey, 08625-0418.

3. If more than one BMP in series is necessary to achieve the required 80 percent TSS reduction for a site, the applicant shall utilize the following formula to calculate TSS reduction:

R = A + B – (AXB)/100

Where

R = total TSS percent load removal from application of both BMPs, and

A = the TSS percent removal rate applicable to the first BMP

B = the TSS percent removal rate applicable to the second BMP

Table 2: TSS Removal Rates for BMPs

Bioretention Systems	90
Constructed Storm water Wetland	90
Extended Detention Basin	40-60
Infiltration Structure	80
Manufactured Treatment Device	See Section 6.C
Sand Filter	80
Vegetative Filter Strip	60-80
Wet Pond	50-90

4. If there is more than one onsite drainage area, the 80 percent TSS removal rate shall apply to each drainage area, unless the runoff from the sub areas converge on site in which case the removal rate can be demonstrated through a calculation using a weighted average.

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5. Storm water management measures shall also be designed to reduce, to the maximum extent feasible, the post-construction nutrient load of the anticipated load from the developed site in storm water runoff generated from the water quality design storm. In achieving reduction of nutrients to the maximum extent feasible, the design of the site shall include nonstructural strategies and structural measures that optimize nutrient removal while still achieving the performance standards in Sections 4.F and 4.G.

6. Additional information and examples are contained in the New Jersey Storm water Best Management Practices Manual, which may be obtained from the address identified in Section 7.

7. In accordance with the definition of FW1 at N.J.A.C. 7:9B-1.4, storm water management measures shall be designed to prevent any increase in storm water runoff to waters classified as FW1.

8. Special water resource protection areas shall be established along all waters designated Category One at N.J.A.C. 7:9B, and perennial or intermittent streams that drain into or upstream of the Category One waters as shown on the USGS Quadrangle Maps or in the County Soil Surveys, within the associated HUC14 drainage area. These areas shall be established for the protection of water quality, aesthetic value, exceptional ecological significance, exceptional recreational significance, exceptional water supply significance, and exceptional fisheries significance of those established Category One waters. These areas shall be designated and protected as follows:

a. The applicant shall preserve and maintain a special water resource protection area in accordance with one of the following:

(1) A 300-foot special water resource protection area shall be provided on each side of the waterway, measured perpendicular to the waterway from the top of the bank outwards or from the centerline of the waterway where the bank is not defined, consisting of existing vegetation or vegetation allowed to follow natural succession is provided. (2) Encroachment within the designated special water resource protection area under Subsection (1) above shall only be allowed where previous development or disturbance has occurred (for example, active agricultural use, parking area or maintained lawn area). The encroachment shall only be allowed where applicant demonstrates that the functional value and overall condition of the special water resource protection area will be maintained to the maximum extent practicable. In no case shall the remaining special water resource protection area be reduced to less than 150 feet as measured perpendicular to the top of bank of the waterway or centerline of the waterway where the bank is undefined. All encroachments proposed under this subparagraph shall be subject to review and approval by the Department.

b. All storm water shall be discharged outside of and flow through the special water resource protection area and shall comply with the Standard for Off-Site Stability in the "Standards For Soil Erosion and Sediment Control in New Jersey," established under the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Act, N.J.S.A. 4:24-39 et seq.

c. If storm water discharged outside of and flowing through the special water resource protection area cannot comply with the Standard For Off-Site Stability in the "Standards for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control in New Jersey," established under the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Act, N.J.S.A. 4:24-39 et seq., then the stabilization measures in accordance with the requirements of the above standards may be placed within the special water resource protection area, provided that:

(1) Stabilization measures shall not be placed within 150 feet of the Category One waterway;

(2) Storm water associated with discharges allowed by this section shall achieve a 95 percent TSS post-construction removal rate;

(3) Temperature shall be addressed to ensure no impact on the receiving waterway;

(4) The encroachment shall only be allowed where the applicant demonstrates that the functional value and overall condition of the special water resource protection area will be maintained to the maximum extent practicable;

(5) A conceptual project design meeting shall be held with the appropriate Department staff and Soil Conservation District staff to identify necessary stabilization measures; and

(6) All encroachments proposed under this section shall be subject to review and approval by the Department.

d. A stream corridor protection plan may be developed by a regional storm water management planning committee as an element of a regional storm water management plan, or by a municipality through an adopted municipal storm water management plan. If a stream corridor protection plan for a waterway subject to Section 4.G(8) has been approved by the Department of Environmental Protection, then the provisions of the plan shall be the applicable special water resource protection area requirements for that waterway. A stream corridor protection plan for a waterway subject to G.8 shall maintain or enhance the current functional value and overall condition of the special water resource protection area as defined in G.8.a.(1) above. In no case shall a stream corridor protection plan allow the reduction of the Special Water Resource Protection Area to less than 150 feet as measured perpendicular to the waterway subject to this subsection.

e. Paragraph G.8 does not apply to the construction of one individual single family dwelling that is not part of a larger development on a lot receiving preliminary or final subdivision approval on or before February 2, 2004, provided that the construction begins on or before February 2, 2009.

Section 5: Calculation of Storm water Runoff and Groundwater Recharge

A. Storm water runoff shall be calculated in accordance with the following:

1. The design engineer shall calculate runoff using one of the following methods:

a. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) methodology, including the NRCS Runoff Equation and Dimensionless Unit Hydrograph, as described in the NRCS National Engineering Handbook Section 4 – Hydrology and Technical Release 55 – Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds; or

b. The Rational Method for peak flow and the Modified Rational Method for hydrograph computations.

2. For the purpose of calculating runoff coefficients and groundwater recharge, there is a presumption that the pre-construction condition of a site or portion thereof is a wooded land use with good hydrologic condition. The term "runoff coefficient" applies to both the NRCS methodology at Section 5.A.1.a and the Rational and Modified Rational Methods at Section 5.A.1.b. A runoff coefficient or a groundwater recharge land cover for an existing condition may be used on all or a portion of the site if the design engineer verifies that the hydrologic condition has existed on the site or portion of the site for at least five years without interruption prior to the time of application. If more than one land cover have existed on the site during the five years immediately prior to the time of application, the land cover with the lowest runoff potential shall be used for the computations. In addition, there is the presumption that the site is in good hydrologic condition (if the land use type is pasture, lawn, or park), with good cover (if the land use type is woods), or with good hydrologic condition and conservation treatment (if the land use type is cultivation).

3. In computing pre-construction storm water runoff, the design engineer shall account for all significant land features and structures, such as ponds, wetlands, depressions, hedgerows, or culverts, that may reduce pre-construction storm water runoff rates and volumes.

4. In computing storm water runoff from all design storms, the design engineer shall consider the relative storm water runoff rates and/or volumes of pervious and impervious surfaces separately to accurately compute the rates and volume of storm water runoff from the site. To calculate runoff from unconnected impervious cover, urban impervious area modifications as described in the NRCS Technical Release 55 – Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds and other methods may be employed.

5. If the invert of the outlet structure of a storm water management measure is below the flood hazard design flood elevation as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:13, the design engineer shall take into account the effects of tailwater in the design of structural storm water management measures.

B. Groundwater recharge may be calculated in accordance with the following:

The New Jersey Geological Survey Report GSR-32 A Method for Evaluating Ground-Water Recharge Areas in New Jersey, incorporated herein by reference [illegible] describing the methodology is available from the New Jersey Storm water Best Management Practices Manual [illegible] New Jersey Geological Survey, 29 Arctic Parkway, P.O. Box 427 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0427; (609) 984-6587.

Section 6: Standards for Structural Storm water Management Measures

A. Standards for structural storm water management measures are as follows:

1. Structural storm water management measures shall be designed to take into account the existing site conditions, including, for example, environmentally critical areas, wetlands; flood-prone areas; slopes; depth to seasonal high water table; soil type, permeability and texture; drainage area and drainage patterns; and the presence of solution-prone carbonate rocks (limestone).

2. Structural storm water management measures shall be designed to minimize maintenance, facilitate maintenance and repairs, and ensure proper functioning. Trash racks shall be provided at the intake to the outlet structure as appropriate, and shall have parallel bars with one-inch (1") spacing between the bars to the elevation of the water quality design storm. For elevations higher than the water quality design storm, the parallel bars at the outlet structure shall be spaced no greater than one-third (1/3) the width of the diameter of the orifice or one-third (1/3) the width of the weir, with a minimum spacing between bars of one-inch and a maximum spacing between bars of six inches. In addition, the design of trash racks must comply with the requirements of Section 8.D.

3. Structural storm water management measures shall be designed, constructed, and installed to be strong, durable, and corrosion resistant. Measures that are consistent with the relevant portions of the Residential Site Improvement Standards at N.J.A.C. 5:21-7.3, 7.4, and 7.5 shall be deemed to meet this requirement.

4. At the intake to the outlet from the storm water management basin, the orifice size shall be a minimum of two and one-half inches in diameter.

5. Storm water management basins shall be designed to meet the minimum safety standards for storm water management basins at Section 8.

B. Storm water management measure guidelines are available in the New Jersey Storm water Best Management Practices Manual. Other storm water management measures may be utilized provided the design engineer demonstrates that the proposed measure and its design will accomplish the required water quantity, groundwater recharge and water quality design and performance standards established by Section 4 of this ordinance.

C. Manufactured treatment devices may be used to meet the requirements of Section 4 of this ordinance, provided the pollutant removal rates are verified by the New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology and certified by the Department.

Section 7: Sources for Technical Guidance

A. Technical guidance for storm water management measures can be found in the documents listed at 1 and 2 below, which are available from Maps and Publications, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, 428 East State Street, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625; telephone (609) 777-1038.

1. Guidelines for storm water management measures are contained in the New Jersey Storm water Best Management Practices Manual, as amended. Information is provided on storm water management measures such as: bioretention systems, constructed storm water wetlands, dry wells, extended detention basins, infiltration structures, manufactured treatment devices, pervious paving, sand filters, vegetative filter strips, and wet ponds.

2. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Storm water Management Facilities Maintenance Manual, as amended.

B. Additional technical guidance for storm water management measures can be obtained from the following:

1. The "Standards for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control in New Jersey" promulgated by the State Soil Conservation Committee and incorporated into N.J.A.C. 2:90. Copies of these standards may be obtained by contacting the State Soil Conservation Committee or any of the Soil Conservation Districts listed in N.J.A.C. 2:90-1.3(a)4. The location, address, and telephone number of each Soil Conservation District may be obtained from the State Soil Conservation Committee, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; (609) 292-5540;

2. The Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service, 732-932-9306; and

3. The Soil Conservation Districts listed in N.J.A.C. 2:90-1.3(a)4. The location, address, and telephone number of each Soil Conservation District may be obtained from the State Soil Conservation Committee, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, (609) 292-5540.

Section 8: Safety Standards for Storm water Management Basins

A. This section sets forth requirements to protect public safety through the proper design and operation of storm water management basins. This section applies to any new storm water management basin.

B. Requirements for Trash Racks, Overflow Grates and Escape Provisions

1. A trash rack is a device designed to catch trash and debris and prevent the clogging of outlet structures. Trash racks shall be installed at the intake to the outlet from the storm water management basin to ensure proper functioning of the basin outlets in accordance with the following:

a. The trash rack shall have parallel bars, with no greater than six inch spacing between the bars.

b. The trash rack shall be designed so as not to adversely affect the hydraulic performance of the outlet pipe or structure.

c. The average velocity of flow through a clean trash rack is not to exceed 2.5 feet per second under the full range of stage and discharge. Velocity is to be computed on the basis of the net area of opening through the rack.

d. The trash rack shall be constructed and installed to be rigid, durable, and corrosion resistant, and shall be designed to withstand a perpendicular live loading of 300 lbs/ft sq.

2. An overflow grate is designed to prevent obstruction of the overflow structure. If an outlet structure has an overflow grate, such grate shall meet the following requirements:

a. The overflow grate shall be secured to the outlet structure but removable for emergencies and maintenance.

b. The overflow grate spacing shall be no less than two inches across the smallest dimension.

c. The overflow grate shall be constructed and installed to be rigid, durable, and corrosion resistant, and shall be designed to withstand a perpendicular live loading of 300 lbs./ft sq.

3. For purposes of this paragraph 3, escape provisions means the permanent installation of ladders, steps, rungs, or other features that provide easily accessible means of egress from storm water management basins. Storm water management basins shall include escape provisions as follows:

a. If a storm water management basin has an outlet structure, escape provisions shall be incorporated in or on the structure. With the prior approval of the reviewing agency identified in Section 8.C a free-standing outlet structure may be exempted from this requirement.

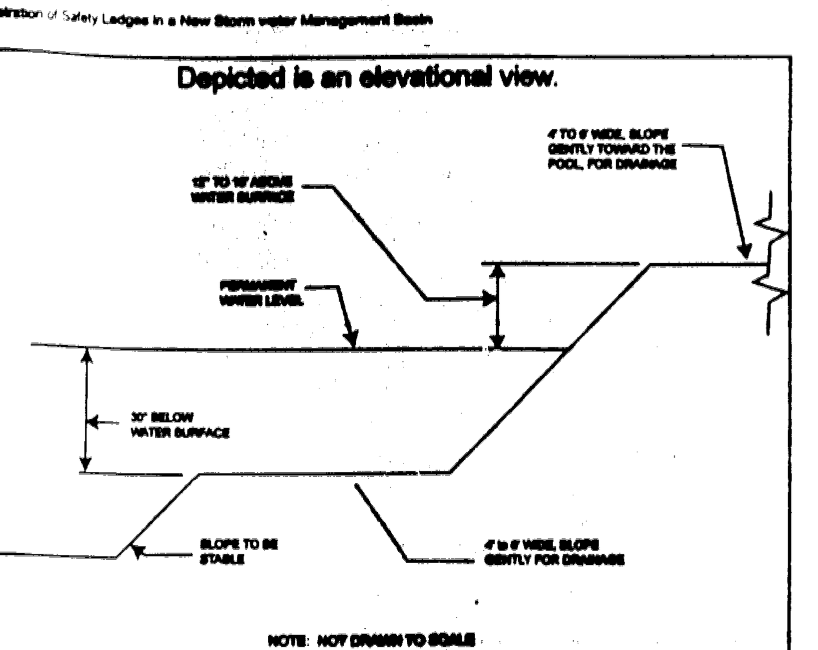
b. Safety ledges shall be constructed on the slopes of all new storm water management basins having a permanent pool of water deeper than two and one-half feet. Such safety ledges shall be comprised of two steps. Each step shall be four to six feet in width. One step shall be located approximately two and one-half feet below the permanent water surface, and the second step shall be located one to one and one-half feet above the permanent water surface. See Section 8.D for an illustration of safety ledges in a storm water management basin.

c. In new storm water management basins, the maximum interior slope for an earthen dam, embankment, or berm shall not be steeper than 3 horizontal to 1 vertical.

C. Variance or Exemption from Safety Standards

1. A variance or exemption from the safety standards for storm water management basins may be granted only upon a written finding by the appropriate reviewing agency (municipality, county or Department) that the variance or exemption will not constitute a threat to public safety.

D. Illustration of Safety Ledges in a New Storm water Management Basin



Section 9: Requirements for a Site Development Storm water Plan

A. Submission of Site Development Storm water Plan

1. Whenever an applicant seeks municipal approval of a development subject to this ordinance, the applicant shall submit all of the required components of the Checklist for the Site Development Storm water Plan at Section 9.C below as part of the submission of the applicant's application for subdivision or site plan approval.

2. The applicant shall demonstrate that the project meets the standards set forth in this ordinance.

3. The applicant shall submit 15 copies of the materials listed in the checklist for site development storm water plans in accordance with Section 9.C of this ordinance.

B. Site Development Storm water Plan Approval

The applicant's Site Development project shall be reviewed as a part of the subdivision or site plan review process by the municipal board or official from which municipal approval is sought. That municipal board or official shall consult the engineer retained by the Planning and/or Zoning Board (as appropriate) to determine if all of the checklist requirements have been satisfied and to determine if the project meets the standards set forth in this ordinance.

C. Checklist Requirements

The following information shall be required:

1. Topographic Base Map

The reviewing engineer may require upstream tributary drainage system information as necessary. It is recommended that the topographic base map of the site be submitted which extends a minimum of 200 feet beyond the limits of the proposed development, at a scale of 1"=200' or greater, showing 2-foot contour intervals. The map as appropriate may indicate the following: existing surface water drainage, shorelines, steep slopes, soils, erodible soils, perennial or intermittent streams that drain into or upstream of the Category One waters, wetlands and flood plains along with their appropriate buffer strips, marshlands and other wetlands, pervious or vegetative surfaces, existing man-made structures, roads, bearing and distances of property lines, and significant natural and manmade features not otherwise shown.

2. Environmental Site Analysis

A written and graphic description of the natural and man-made features of the site and its environs. This description should include a discussion of soil conditions, slopes, wetlands, waterways and vegetation on the site. Particular attention should be given to unique, unusual, or environmentally sensitive features and to those that provide particular opportunities or constraints for development.

3. Project Description and Site Plan(s)

A map (or maps) at the scale of the topographical base map indicating the location of existing and proposed buildings, roads, parking areas, utilities, structural facilities for storm water management and sediment control, and other permanent structures. The map(s) shall also clearly show areas where alterations occur in the natural terrain and cover, including lawns and other landscaping, and seasonal high ground water elevations. A written description of the site plan and justification of proposed changes in natural conditions may also be provided.

4. Land Use Planning and Source Control Plan

This plan shall provide a demonstration of how the goals and standards of Sections 3 through 6 are being met. The focus of this plan shall be to describe how the site is being developed to meet the objective of controlling groundwater recharge, storm water quality and storm water quantity problems at the source by land management and source controls whenever possible.

5. Storm water Management Facilities Map

The following information, illustrated on a map of the same scale as the topographic base map, shall be included:

a. Total area to be paved or built upon, proposed surface contours, land area to be occupied by the storm water management facilities and the type of vegetation thereon, and details of the proposed plan to control and dispose of storm water.

b. Details of all storm water management facility designs, during and after construction, including discharge provisions, discharge capacity for each outlet at different levels of detention and emergency spillway provisions with maximum discharge capacity of each spillway.

6. Calculations

a. Comprehensive hydrologic and hydraulic design calculations for the pre-development and post-development conditions for the design storms specified in Section 4 of this ordinance.

b. When the proposed storm water management control measures (e.g., infiltration basins) depends on the hydrologic properties of soils, then a soils report shall be submitted. The soils report shall be based on onsite boring logs or soil pit profiles. The number and location of required soil borings or soil pits shall be determined based on what is needed to determine the suitability and distribution of soils present at the location of the control measure.

7. Maintenance and Repair Plan

The design and planning of the storm water management facility shall meet the maintenance requirements of Section 10.

8. Waiver from Submission Requirements

The municipal official or board reviewing an application under this ordinance may, in consultation with the municipal engineer, waive submission of any of the requirements in Sections 9.C.1 through 9.C.6 of this ordinance when it can be demonstrated that the information requested is impossible to obtain or it would create a hardship on the applicant to obtain and its absence will not materially affect the review process.

Section 10: Maintenance and Repair

A. Applicability

1. Projects subject to review as in Section 1.C of this ordinance shall comply with the requirements of Sections 10.B and 10.C.

B. General Maintenance

1. The design engineer shall prepare a maintenance plan for the storm water management measures incorporated into the design of a major development.

2. The maintenance plan shall contain specific preventative maintenance tasks and schedules; cost estimates, including estimated cost of sediment, debris, or trash removal; and the name, address, and telephone number of the person or persons responsible for preventative and corrective maintenance (including replacement). Maintenance guidelines for storm water management measures are available in the New Jersey Storm water Best Management Practices Manual. If the maintenance plan identifies a person other than the developer (for example, a public agency or homeowners' association) as having the responsibility for maintenance, the plan shall include documentation of such person's agreement to assume this responsibility, or of the developer's obligation to dedicate a storm water management facility to such person under an applicable ordinance or regulation.

3. Responsibility for maintenance shall not be assigned or transferred to the owner or tenant of an individual property in a residential development or project, unless such owner or tenant owns or leases the entire residential development or project.

4. If the person responsible for maintenance identified under Section 10.B.2 above is not a public agency, the maintenance plan and any future revisions based on Section 10.B.7 below shall be recorded upon the deed of record for each property on which the maintenance described in the maintenance plan must be undertaken. The Borough of Mountainside will require the posting of a two year maintenance guarantee in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.

5. Preventative and corrective maintenance shall be performed to maintain the function of the storm water management measure, including repairs or replacement to the structure; removal of sediment, debris, or trash; restoration of eroded areas; snow and ice removal; fence repair or replacement; restoration of vegetation; and repair or replacement of non-vegetated linings.

6. The person responsible for maintenance identified under Section 10.B.2 above shall maintain a detailed log of all preventative and corrective maintenance for the structural storm water management measures incorporated into the design of the development, including a record of all inspections and copies of all maintenance-related work orders.

7. The person responsible for maintenance identified under Section 10.B.2 above shall evaluate the effectiveness of the maintenance plan at least once per year and adjust the plan and the deed as needed.

8. The person responsible for maintenance identified under Section 10.B.2 above shall retain and make available, upon request by any public entity with administrative, health, environmental, or safety authority over the site, the maintenance plan and the documentation required by Sections 10.B.6 and 10.B.7 above.

9. The requirements of Sections 10.B.3 and 10.B.4 do not apply to storm water management facilities that are dedicated to and accepted by the municipality or another governmental agency.

10. In the event that the storm water management facility becomes a danger to public safety or public health, or if it is in need of maintenance or repair, the municipality shall so notify the responsible person in writing. Upon receipt of that notice, the responsible person shall have fourteen (14) days to effect maintenance and repair of the facility in a manner that is approved by the municipal engineer or his designee. The municipality, in its discretion, may extend the time allowed for effecting maintenance and repair for good cause. If the responsible person fails or refuses to perform such maintenance and repair, the municipality or County may immediately proceed to do so and shall bill the cost thereof to the responsible person.

C. Nothing in this section shall preclude the municipality in which the major development is located from requiring the posting of a performance or maintenance guarantee in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.

Section 11: Penalties

Any person who erects, constructs, alters, repairs, converts, maintains, or uses any building, structure or land in violation of this ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties: A fine of not less than $100 per day or more than permitted by N.J.S.A. 40:49-5.

Section 12: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the approval by the county review agency, or sixty (60) days from the receipt of the ordinance by the county review agency if the county review agency should fail to act.

Section 13: Severability

If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any existing ordinance provisions which are contrary to the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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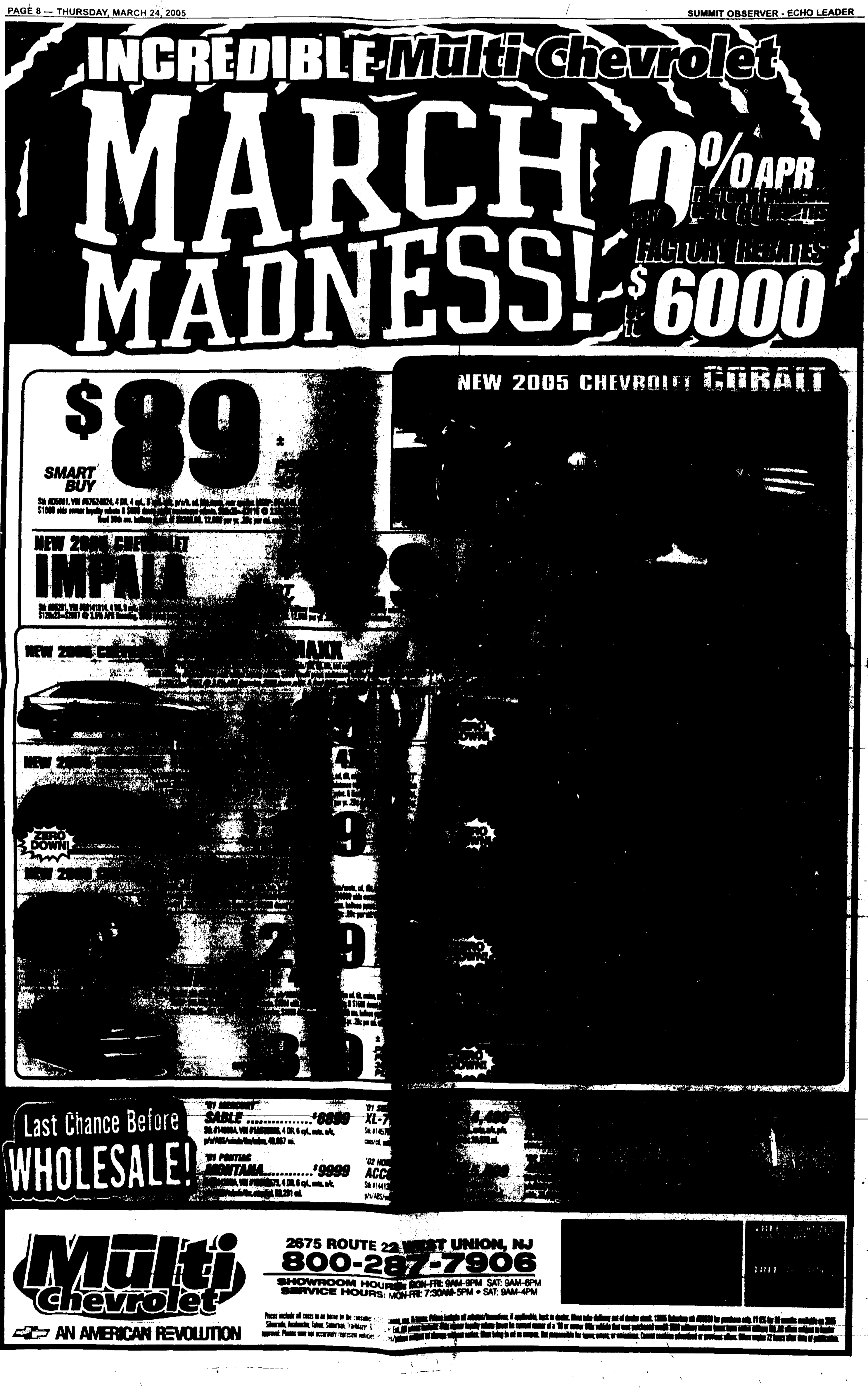


Author speaks at Deerfield

Best-selling author Jim Trelease will address parents, teachers and the general public on Monday at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave. in Mountainside, at 7 p.m.

Trelease is the author of *The New York Times* best seller, "The Read-Aloud Handbook." He will speak on "Reading Aloud: Motivating Children To Make Books Into Friends, Not Enemies."

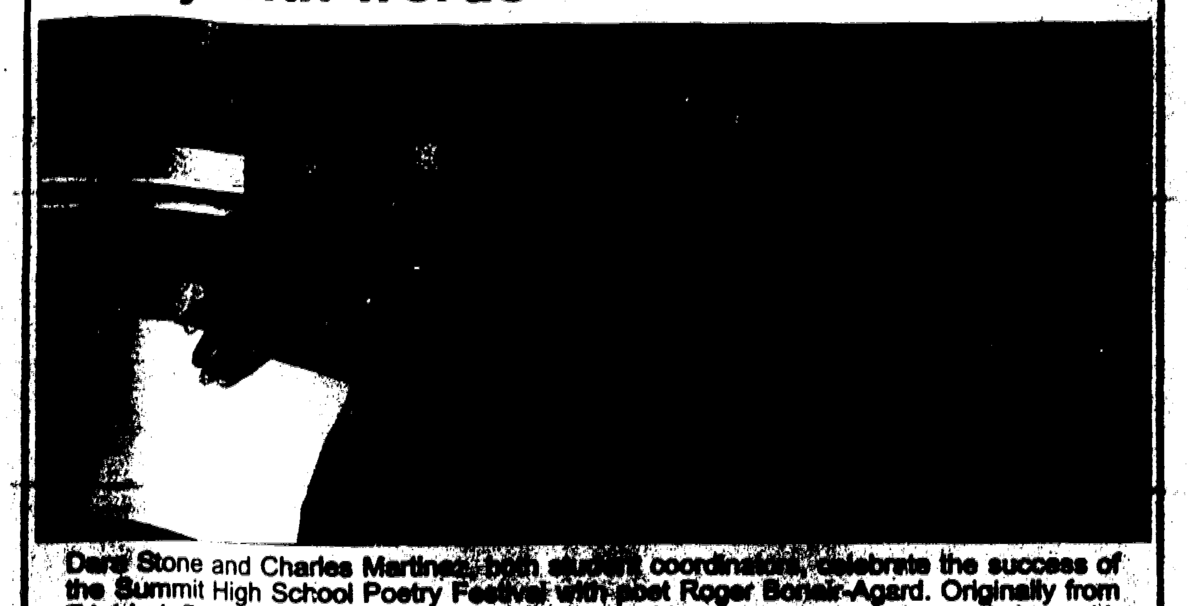
"American literacy scores are due in large part to the fact that two-thirds of our children don't like to read," said Trelease. "No player in the NBA was born wanting to play basketball. The desire to play ball or to read must be planted. The last 25 years of research shows that reading aloud to a child is the oldest, cheapest and most successful method of instilling that desire. Shooting baskets with a child creates a basketball player; reading to a child creates a reader."

For 20 years, Trelease was an award-winning artist and writer for a daily newspaper in New England. During this period, he visited hundreds of classrooms as a school volunteer, talking with students about the joys of reading.

Those visits, combined with his nightly reading to his own two children, became the springboards to his national best seller that spent 17 weeks on *The New York Times* list. Four American editions have followed, along with British, Australian, Chinese and Japanese parents and teachers.

PBS used the book as the springboard for its "Story Time" show.

A way with words



Dara Stone and Charles Martinez, both student coordinators, celebrate the success of the Summit High School Poetry Festival with poet Roger Bonair-Agard. Originally from Trinidad, Bonair-Agard is now a New Jersey resident who conducted a workshop with some of the 85 students attending the festival.

Wine tasting benefits GL lacrosse teams

On April 1, from 7 to 10 p.m., the parents of the Governor Livingston High School Lacrosse Club, with the assistance of The Berkeley Wine Company, are sponsoring a wine tasting at Mt. Carmel Hall in Berkeley Heights. The cost is $50 at the door.

The event will feature affordable wines from around the globe as well as a raffle of gift baskets. The event is the club's most ambitious fund-raising event.

This year's boys' and girls' lacrosse teams are some of the largest at Governor Livingston High School.

Unfortunately, the teams are not funded by the school district and funds are needed to cover the expenses associated with the fastest-growing team sport in the United States. For information, call 908-608-0021.

Collection aims to provide troops with 'touch of home'

The Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross is in need of "Touch of Home" items for distribution to U.S. troops. Donations will be given to military members who are deploying to or returning from overseas assignments or have been activated for assignments at a New Jersey military installation. This is a good project for Scouts, church groups and other community groups wanting to do something for the Armed Forces.

To help the volunteers at Fort Dix in assembling these items into "Touch of Home" kits, the list below must be followed closely. Items must be the correct size and type to be provided to the troops. Do not mix donated items, i.e., soap, razors, toothpaste, etc. They should be in separate large plastic bags or cardboard boxes clearly labeled with the contents:

Individually wrapped soft toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, travel size shaving cream, double edge individually wrapped disposable razors, Chap Stick/lip balm, travel size mouthwash, small bottles of unscented baby or foot powder, eye drops, ladies hygiene items, bug guard — with DEET, sun block — SPF 45 or higher, travel size bottles of shampoo — name brands preferred — travel size hand lotion, unscented bath soap, small packages of wet wipes, small bottles of hand sanitizer and one gallon zip lock bags.

The following items will be distributed to military members at a comfort station:

Writing tablets and envelopes, black ink pens, individually wrapped snacks, crackers, cookies, granola bars and powdered drinks.

Although individual notes are welcome, they should not be religious or political in nature and should not include last names or addresses.

Call 908-273-2076 to make arrangements for dropping off donations at the Summit Area Chapter, 695 Springfield Ave., Summit.

On behalf of the troops, the Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross extends its thanks and appreciation for your help and generosity.

The Summit Area chapter of the American Red Cross serves the communities of Berkeley Heights, Long Hill Township, New Providence, Springfield and Summit. This voluntary organization supports communities in disaster situations, training in lifesaving skills and transporting ambulatory patients to medical appointments. Services are free of charge.

A portrait of a patriot

A [illegible] the Holy Trinity [illegible] School at the Mountainside campus by the Mountainside Woman's Club. William [illegible] of 'Portraits of Patriots' from Mountainside is resurrecting what was once mandated by Congress — to have a portrait of the first president in every school in every state. Accepting the gift are, from left, Pat Knodel, Linda Esemplare, Leslie Lewis, Ellie Ania, Julie Rusbarsky and the kindergarten students of HTIS.

Donations aid women in military

Summit Supports Our Troops invites the public to help women defending the nation by sending them "R&R in a box." Items and financial contributions will be collected between April 4 and 14.

Items can be deposited in the SSOT container located in the lobby of the Bassett Building, 382 Springfield Ave., Summit, SSOT headquarters.

Financial contributions should be sent to The SAPF Foundation, P.O. Box 867, Summit 07902-0867.

Make checks payable to: Summit Area Public Foundation-SSOT/WIMN.

The Women in the Military Now project of Summit Supports Our Troops was launched as a result of research on the particular needs of deployed military women. WIMN identified two key concepts from talking with women in the military:

1. Women at the fronts do have the need for particular items to aid their health and enhance their morale.

2. Women in the military have acquired, after generations of dedicated service and advocacy, recognition of the significant and varied capacities of women in military service.

The WIMN project was initiated by Christine Ring, a sophomore at Kent Place School, after listening to an inspirational [illegible] past summer given at a [illegible] Meeting by Summit Supports Our Troops Executive Director [illegible] Trube. The WIMN Co[illegible] of: Christine Ring, Annie Burns, a senior at Summit High School and volunteer administrative assistant at SSOT, Annie's mother, Virginia Burns, Christine's mother, Helena Ring, with Christine Trube as advisor.

The main objective of the WIMN project is to show appreciation for the women in the armed forces of the United States serving around the world by encouraging their good health and positive morale.

The activities of the effort include gathering items and raising funds for shipping and provisioning items not collected.

The items being collected include the following, which must be in travel size:

- Toiletries and hygiene items, including: hair bands and clips, nail polish, clippers, files, clear polish, remover; make-up-mascara, blush, powder; Q-tips, cotton balls, small mirrors, pump hair spray, gel, combs, brushes, shampoo, conditioners; moist wipes, razors, shaving cream — tubes only — soap, body wash, deodorant; sanitary pads, tampons, panty liners; chap stick, lip balm, sun block, face lotion with SPF, Skin So Soft — Avon, DEET, bug spray; foot powder, moleskin, shoe insole cushions; contact lens cleaner, eye moisturizing drops, moisturizing nasal spray, dust masks; Band Aids, tissues; toothpaste, toothbrushes; aspirin, ibuprofen, vitamins; fluffy bath towel, underwear, socks; single sheet sets in good quality and blankets.
- Food items needed include: instant coffee, tea bags, coffee creamer, sugar packets, powdered Gatorade, Kool-Aid, Crystal Light, Slim Jims, beef jerky, tuna, summer sausage, canned chicken, Granola bars, power bars, Dried fruit, trail mix, nuts, seeds.
- Entertainment items: AA batteries, stationary, writing pens, AT&T phone cards, paperback books, magazines, disposable cameras, film, journals, baseball caps and bandannas, sunglasses — black, no brand names, DVDs and VHS movies — new or gently used, small American Flags, fly strips and swatters.

The committee has reached out to schools and women's organizations and to date has participation from: Kent Place School, Oak Knoll School, Summit High School, the Connection, *the Junior League, the Women's Resource Center and the Association of Business and Professional Women.* The donations will be transported to the Summit Speech School, whose Director, Pam Paskewicz, is providing storage space to Summit Supports Our Troops.

The items will be packed into individual "R&R boxes" to be shipped. WIMN would like the community's participation and enthusiastic support in honoring the Women in the Military Now.

For information, call the WIMN Committee at 908-274-1142 or send a message by e-mail to [illegible]@trube.com. Visit the Web site at, www.ssot.org.

Garden expert speaks

The folks at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church have been reading so many parables related to gardening that spring cannot come soon enough.

They have teamed up with professional Landscape Designer Elizabeth Johnston and Buddy Dunwell, owner of Wayside Gardens in Summit, to bring new life and increased value to your property.

On April 3 from 4 to 6 p.m., Johnston, owner of Gardens by Elizabeth, will share her knowledge of landscape design and answer questions prior to a pasta dinner at Springfield Emanuel Church.

"I form a very personalized partnership with my customers and their needs dictate the style of each design," she explained. "Buddy Dunwell and I have been working together for years to ensure that our customers get the best information and the right product for their yard. The annuals, perennials and tropicals sold at Wayside Gardens are grown locally by Buddy, so I know my clients are not only getting healthy plants, but that they can go to Wayside seven days a week between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and ask Buddy for help," she added.

The Rev. Elaine Wing, pastor of the church, said that Dunwell's fall mums and poinsettias testify to Dunwell's green thumb. "Last fall, the public couldn't get enough of the huge mum plants sold at the Church Mall Street Fair and St. James the Apostle Church," she said.

[illegible] for the blooming [illegible] spring is finally coming. Landscape Designer Elizabeth Johnston and Wayside Gardens Owner Buddy Dunwell confer over plans for a mutual customer. Johnston will give a presentation about landscaping at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church on April 3.

Johnston's training includes graduating with honors from the landscape design program at Morris County College and completion of the Rutgers University Basic Landscape Design certificate course.

In 2002, she traveled to County Carey in England to study with Penelope Hobhouse at her country home.

Tickets to "Snapdragons and Spaghetti" can be purchased through the Springfield Church by calling 973-376-1695. The cost is $10 each and the deadline to order is Sunday. Seating will be limited.

The dinner will include spaghetti and meatballs, green salad, bread, dessert and beverages. The church is located at the far back end of Church Mall near the intersection of Morris and Mountain Avenues in Springfield.

Those attending the dinner will receive a 15 percent discount coupon for all products, including propane and firewood, at Wayside Gardens redeemable through April 30. Proceeds from this event will fund church ministries which assist children and adults within the church and community.

Group offers free health workshops

During the next 12 weeks, True Health Chiropractic in Springfield will offer a free program designed to guide participants through the steps necessary to achieve their 2005 health and fitness goals.

Participants will require a strong support group, encouragement, and a resilient spirit to keep their goals on track. This free program will offer six bi-weekly interactive workshops on current health and wellness topics, a free trial membership to a local gym, frequent chances to win prizes, a support group/network of people who share common goals, and the opportunity to embrace an alternative healthy lifestyle.

All workshops will take place on Monday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. Workshops are free to the public but participants must pre-register to attend.

Topics will include:

- "Setting Up For Success" — Creating the motivation, mindset and goals to be successful.
- "Time Management" — If it's not scheduled, it won't get done. Learn the secret to getting 160 hours of results in a 40-hour week.
- "Ultimate Nutrition Workshop" — Learn to eat like an elephant and look like a gazelle.
- "Ultimate Fitness Workshop" —Maximize every second of your short workouts.
- "Stress Management and Peace Building" — Fundamental concepts to battle stress and live a peaceful life.
- "Advanced Tips for Eating, Exercise and Managing Stress" — Getting out of the way will get you what you ultimately want.

To learn more about the True Health Chiropractic "12 Week Challenge," dates/times, educational workshops/seminars or for patient inquiries, call True Health Chiropractic at 973-376-8383 or visit them at 442 Morris Ave. in Springfield.

B'Nai B'rith visits Forum Theatre

B'nai Brith of Springfield plans a visit to the Forum Theatre, 314 Main St., Metuchen, on May 15 at 3 p.m.

The show is "Bermuda Avenue Triangle," an outrageous comedy, concerns the adventures of a Jewish Widow and an Irish widow whose daughters move them to Las Vegas, where they share a retirement Village Condo. Full of humor and Catholic martyrdom, this little farce tells of a pair of New York widows who learn that it's never to late to begin living to its fullest.

For reservations and information, call Jerry Kamen at 908-687-9120 days or 908-277-1953 evenings or Joe Tenenbaum at 973-379-8306. The cost per person is $30. Mail checks to Jerry Kamen 2824 Morris Ave., Union, NJ 07083. For best seats, reserve early, A.S.A.P.

Save the date — June 26 — for an Atlantic City bus trip. For reservations, call Jerry Kamen at 908-687-9120 or in the evenings at 908-277-1953.

PJ's and pancakes

Lisa Grawehr's prekindergarten class from the Holy Trinity Interparochial School at the Mountainside campus rolls out of bed and strolls into school still wearing pajamas. As part of the day's lesson, they learn how to make their own breakfast of hot pancakes, maple syrup and milk. Making the first batch are, from left, Grawehr, Deirdre, Ryan, Michael, Josephine and Maggie.

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Group sponsors Music Cities Tour

An all-inclusive Music Cities Tour of Memphis, Branson and Nashville will be sponsored by the Renaissance Group of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, from May 16 to May 23.

The eight-day fully escorted deluxe tour includes two nights in Memphis, Tenn., with guests staying at the Radisson Hotel; three nights in Branson, Mo., at the Radisson Hotel; and two nights Nashville, Tenn., at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. Departure will be from Newark Airport to Memphis, Tenn.; returning from Nashville, Tenn. to Newark. Both flights are on Continental Airlines. The cost is $1,819 per person, round trip, double occupancy or $2,249 per person single occupancy. There will be a miscellaneous expense charge of $125 to cover tips for the tour director, guides, bus driver, etc. Included is two-way bus transportation between Temple Sha'arey Shalom and Newark Airport.

To make reservations, call the tour agent, Preferred Travel, at 973-338-8687 and refer to group membership number 845819 and departure date of May 16. For information, call Marge Grossbarth or Arlene Newman, Renaissance Group co-chairpersons, through the temple office at 973-379-5387.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
MOUNTAINSIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION

N[illegible] hereby given to the legal voters of the Borough of Mountainside, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Board of Education will meet in the Media Center, Beechwood School, 149[illegible] Woodacres Drive, Mountainside, NJ [illegible] Thursday, [illegible] at [illegible] PM, at which time the school budget for 2005-2006 will be presented.

A copy of the budget may be seen at the office of the Board Secretary, 149[illegible] Woodacres Drive, Mountainside, New Jersey on [illegible] AM [illegible] PM. A copy of the same will also be available at the public hearing for the information of those attending.

Notice is furthermore given that the Annual Elections will be help on Tuesday, April 19, [illegible] from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM and as much longer as may be necessary for the local voters present to cast their ballots at Our Lady of Lourdes Church (cafeteria), [illegible] Avenue, Mountainside, NJ, the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ and Presbyterian Community Church, Meeting House Lane and Deerpath, Mountainside, NJ.

Two board members will be elected for a term of three years; no members will be elected for a term of two years; and no members will be elected for a term of one year.

By order of the Mountainside Board of Education
F. Paul Vizzuso, Board Secretary

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UNION - MOUNTAINSIDE BORO
Advertised Enrollments

ENROLLMENT CATEGORY	October 15, 2003 Actual	October 15, 2004 Actual	October 15, 2005 Estimated
Pupils on Roll Regular Full-Time	603	694	731
Pupils on Roll - Special Full-Time	56	65	
Private School Placements	2	1	4
Pupils Sent to Other Districts Reg Prog	235	237	282
Pupils Sent to Other Dists-Spec Ed Prog	27	25	6
Pupils Received	1		
Resident Enroll. Per State Aid Calc-Infor. Only		936	1046

UNION - MOUNTAINSIDE BORO
Advertised Revenues

Budget Category	Account	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Revised	2005-06 Anticipated
GENERAL FUND				
Budgeted Fund Balance - General Fund	10-303		[illegible],184	1,167,025
Budgeted Fund Balance - Capital Reserve Increase	10-303			651,471
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	10-1210	10,190,151	10,[illegible]	[illegible],704,615
Tuition	10-1300	19,304		
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	961,192		1,[illegible]9,826
SUBTOTAL		11,170,647	10,[illegible]	10,874,541
Revenues from State Sources:				
Transportation Aid	10-3120	126,001	[illegible]	[illegible],001
Special Education Aid	10-3130	384,122	[illegible]	[illegible],122
Bilingual Education	10-3140	2,354	[illegible]	[illegible]
Consolidated Aid	10-3195		[illegible]	[illegible],332
Additional Formula Aid	10-3196			[illegible],994
Other State Aids-Out of Cap	10-3XXX	73,721		
SUBTOTAL		586,198	[illegible]	[illegible],503
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances			[illegible]	
Act (Excess)Deficiency of Rev (Over)/Under Expnd		-1,003,206		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		10,753,639	11,8[illegible]	13,[illegible]
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Revenues from State Sources:				
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	[illegible],915		
TOTAL REVENUES FROM STATE SOURCES		[illegible],915		
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	[illegible],462	16[illegible]	136,894
Other	20-4XXX	[illegible],632	1[illegible]	
TOTAL REVENUES FROM FEDERAL SOURCES		[illegible],094	17[illegible]	136,894
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		[illegible],009	176,4[illegible]	136,894
DEBT SERVICE				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	[illegible]	387,[illegible]	389,673
TOTAL REVENUES FROM LOCAL SOURCES		[illegible]	38[illegible]	389,673
TOTAL LOCAL DEBT SERVICE		[illegible]	38[illegible]	389,673
Act (Excess)Deficiency of Rev (Over)/Under Expnd		[illegible]		
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND		[illegible]	38[illegible]	389,673
TOTAL REVENUES/SOURCES		[illegible]	12,435,[illegible]	13,[illegible],707

UNION - MOUNTAINSIDE BORO
Advertised Appropriations

Budget Category	Account	2003-04 Expenditures	2004-05 Rev. Appr.	2005-06 Appropriations
GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE				
Regular Programs - Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	[illegible]	3,133,[illegible]	[illegible],368,897
Special Education - Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	[illegible]	315,[illegible]	378,062
[illegible] Co/Extra-Curr. Activities-Instruct	11-4[illegible]-100-XXX	[illegible]	29,[illegible]	42,302
[illegible] Sponsored Athletics - Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	[illegible]	38,[illegible]	38,394
[illegible] Undistributed Expenditures				
[illegible]	11-000-100-XXX	[illegible]	3,618,[illegible]	[illegible],648,093
Attendance and Social Work Services	11-000-211-XXX		4,[illegible]	5,153
Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	[illegible]	112,[illegible]	114,121
Other Support Serv - Stds - Related & Extraordinary	11-000-216,217	[illegible]	12[illegible]	132,945
Other Support Services - Students - Regular	11-000-218-XXX	[illegible]	65,[illegible]	68,531
Other Support Services - Students - Special	11-000-219-XXX	49[illegible]	449,[illegible]	495,144
Improvement of Instructional Services	11-000-221-XXX	91,[illegible]	49,[illegible]	102,023
Educational Media Services - School Library	11-000-222-XXX	119,[illegible]	13[illegible]	130,705
Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	3,6[illegible]	[illegible]	5,000
Support Services - General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	336,841	45[illegible]	313,106
Support Services - School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	296,911	[illegible]	348,679
Central Svcs & Admin Info Technology	11-000-25X-XXX		[illegible]	4,822
Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	773,194	7[illegible]	883,065
Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	418,[illegible]	[illegible]	517,197
Other Support Services	11-000-290-XXX	150,961	1[illegible]	166,220
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	1,148,741	[illegible]	[illegible],277,970
Total Undistributed Expenditures		7,474,2[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible],222,664
TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible],045,199
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
Increase in Capital Reserve	10-604			651,471
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-73X	41,551	[illegible]	34,431
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-4XX-XXX	14,098	[illegible]	521,339
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY		[illegible]	[illegible]	20[illegible],241
SPECIAL [illegible]				
Summer [illegible]				
[illegible]	1[illegible]	[illegible]		27,500
T[illegible]		[illegible]		27,500
T[illegible]		[illegible]		27,500
GENERAL FUND GRAND TOTAL		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]9,940
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Other Special [illegible]	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	[illegible]		
Total State [illegible]		[illegible]		
Federal [illegible]				
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	102,462	160,110	136,894
Other Special Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	23,632	16,338	
Total Federal Projects		126,094	176,448	136,094
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		134,009	176,448	136,894
DEBT SERVICE FUNDS				
Debt Service - Regular	40-701-510-XXX	389,229	387,219	389,673
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUNDS		389,229	387,219	389,673
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		11,276,877	12,435,930	13,805,707
DEDUCT APPROPRIATIONS INCLUDED IN MULTIPLE FUNDS DUE TO TRANSFERS:				
Local Contribution - Transfer to Special Revenue	11-1XX-100-930			
Capital Reserve - Transfer to Debt Service	12-000-400-933			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS NET OF TRANSFERS		11,276,877	12,435,930	13,805,707

UNION - MOUNTAINSIDE BORO
Advertised Recapitulation of Balances

Budget Category (1)	General Fund (Unreserved) (2)	General Fund (Reserved) Cap. Reserve Account (3)	Gen. Fund (Reserved) Adult Ed. Programs (4)	General Fund (Reserved) Maintenance Reserve Acct. (5)	General Fund (Reserved) Legal Reserves (6)
Est. Approp. Bal. 6-30-03 (Prior Budg)	411,880	1	0	0	0
Approp. Balances 6-30-03 (from Audit)	699,581	1	0	0	30,448
Est. Approp. Bal. 6-30-04 (Prior Budg)	374,739	1	0	0	0
Approp. Balances 6-30-04 (from Audit)	1,013,793	1	0	0	515,555
Amount Budgeted during FY 04-05	-691,184	0	0	0	0
Add. Bal. to be Approp during FY 04-05	0	0	0	0	0
Add. Bal. Anticipated during FY 04-05	1,211,717	0	0	0	0
Approp. Bal. 6-30-05 (est.) before Trans.	1,534,326	1	0	0	515,555
Anti. Excess GF Bal. Trans during FY 04-05	0	0	0	0	0
Approp. Bal. 6-30-05 (est.) after Transfer	1,534,326	1	0	0	515,555
Amount Budgeted in FY 05-06	-1,302,941	651,471	0	0	-515,555
Appropriation Balances 6/30/06(est.)	231,385	651,472	0	0	0

UNION - MOUNTAINSIDE BORO
Advertised Recapitulation of Balances

Budget Category (1)	General Fund (Reserved) Tuition Reserve (7)	Debt Service (8)	Special Revenue Cap. Reserve Account (9)	Totals (10)
Est. Approp. Bal. 6-30-03 (Prior Budg)	0	0	0	411,881
Approp. Balances 6-30-03 (from Audit)	0	18,225	0	748,215
Est. Approp. Bal. 6-30-04 (Prior Budg)	0	0	0	374,740
Approp. Balances 6-30-04 (from Audit)	0	0	0	1,529,349
Amount Budgeted during FY 04-05	0	0	0	-691,184
Add. Bal. to be Approp during FY 04-05	0	0	0	0
Add. Bal. Anticipated during FY 04-05	0	0	0	1,211,717
Approp. Bal. 6-30-05 (est.) before Trans.	0	0	0	2,049,882
Anti. Excess GF Bal. Trans during FY 04-05	0	0	0	0
Approp. Bal. 6-30-05 (est.) after Transfer	0	0	0	2,049,882
Amount Budgeted in FY 05-06	0	0	0	-1,167,025
Appropriation Balances 6/30/06(est.)	0	0	0	882,857

UNION - MOUNTAINSIDE BORO
Advertised Per Pupil Cost Calculations
2005 - 2006

Per Pupil Cost Calculations:	2002-03 Actual (1)	2003-04 Actual (2)	2004-05 Original Budget (3)	2004-05 Revised Budget (4)	2005-2006 Proposed Budget (5)
Total Comparative Per Pupil Cost	9736	10610	10654	9948	10771
Total Classroom Instruction	7259	5779	6199	5640	6237
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	6977	5772	6008	5463	6000
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	193	7	129	119	163
Classroom-Purchased Services and Other	89	0	62	59	75
Total Support Services	1543	2033	1780	1621	1757
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	1426	1711	1643	1494	1631
Total Administrative Costs	1194	1359	1319	1433	1303
Administration-Salaries and Benefits	946	984	958	870	914
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	1043	1296	1226	1135	1331
Operations & Maintenance of Plant-Salary & Ben.	609	713	701	637	660
Total Food Services Costs	78	0	0	0	0
Total Extracurricular Costs	60	137	121	110	134
Total Equipment Costs	55	63	31	164	47
Employee Benefits as a % of Salaries	20.2	22.7	25.1	25.1	22.9

The information presented in columns 1 through 3 as well as the related descriptions of the per pupil cost calculations are contained in the 2005 Comparative Spending Guide and can be found on the Department of Education's Internet address: http://www.state.nj.us/ education under Finance, when available. This publication is available in the board office and public libraries. The same calculations were performed using the 2004-05 revised appropriations and 2005-06 budgeted appropriations presented in this advertised budget. Total Comparative Per Pupil Cost is defined as current expense exclusive of tuition expenditures, transportation, residential costs, and judgments against the school district. For all years, it also includes the restricted entitlement aids. With the exception of Total Equipment Cost, each of the other per pupil cost calculations presented is a component of the total comparative per pupil cost, although all components are not shown.

Annual School District Budget Statement Supporting Documentation
UNION - MOUNTAINSIDE BORO

4A. Advertised Capital Outlay Projects

Describe below, by project number, the appropriations for budgeted Capital Outlay Projects including those items related to the district's Long Range Facilities Plan. Include only construction, remodeling, renovations, installation of service systems, land and improvements, and the purchase of buildings. If the project is eligible for a grant, budget only the local share of the project and enter an X in column 4. Do not include equipment. Include all projects budgeted on the transfer lines to Capital Projects fund (8326 and 8335). Complete a detailed budget for each project.

Description/Activity	Project Number	Dollar Amount	Eligible for Grant
Roof top HVAC units, renovation of		521,339	
Total Amount:		521,339	

Capital Reserve Deposit
Statement of Purpose

Included in the general fund appropriations is $651,471 which is for a designated use for deposit into the Board of Education s approved Capital Reserve Account for future funding to install 12 roof top HVAC units at Deerfield School with structural steel, sheet metal, mechanical demolition and insulation, rigging and automatic temperature controls.

Renovation and expansion of Media Center at Deerfield that would include selective demolition, masonry, carpentry, sheetrock, ceramic tiles, etc. This deposit is for the excess cost of the Beechwood/Deerfield Capital Project and represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards necessary to achieve the core curriculum content standards.

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Family awarded for commitment to breast cancer awareness

The Sumas family recently received the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Community Service Award at the 2005 Komen Affiliate Conference conducted in Dallas. The family was chosen for their commitment to excellence in meeting the breast health needs across northern New Jersey.

The Sumas family has supported the work and mission of the Komen North Jersey Affiliate, based in Summit, since its inception in 1997. Owners of 25 ShopRite Supermarket locations in the North Jersey area, the Sumas family has implemented numerous programs that bring vital breast health information to many inner-city and minority neighborhoods that need it most.

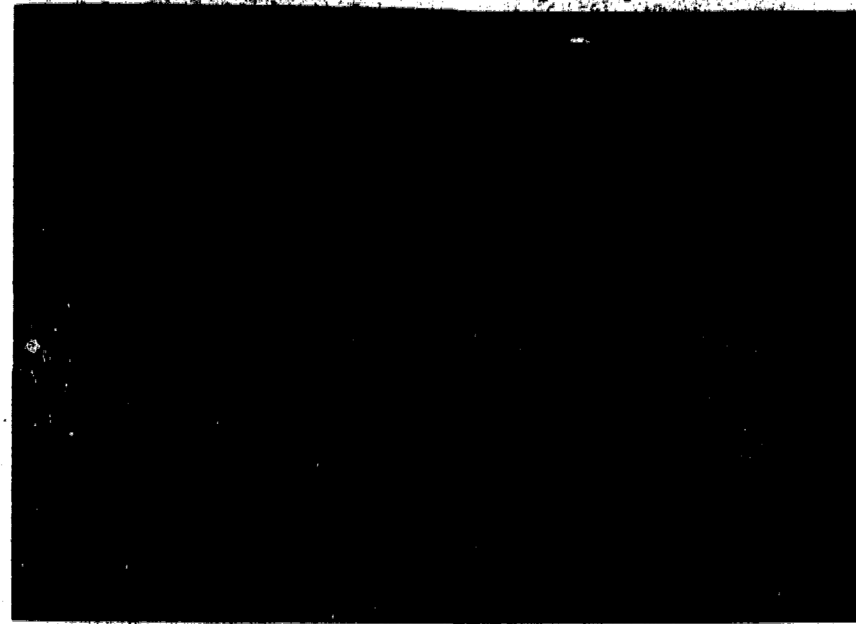
In addition to printing shopping bags with pink awareness ribbons and three steps to good breast health, the 25 ShopRite locations house tables displaying educational materials and sell special Mother's Day floral arrangements containing a Breast Self Exam shower card. The family also provides financial support to affiliate projects such as the annual Tie and Ribbon campaign, Pink Tie Ball and Celebration of Life survivors event. These and other efforts have reached countless women and closed many of the gaps preventing underserved populations from getting information and support.

"The Komen Community Service Award is our way of thanking the Sumas family for all of the hard work and vision they have interested in the Komen Foundation's mission to put an end to breast cancer," said Susan Braun, president and chief executive officer of the Komen Foundation. "The family's dedication and generosity go unmatched and their far-reaching efforts are an inspiring example of how grassroots activism can directly influence the quality of breast care in a community."

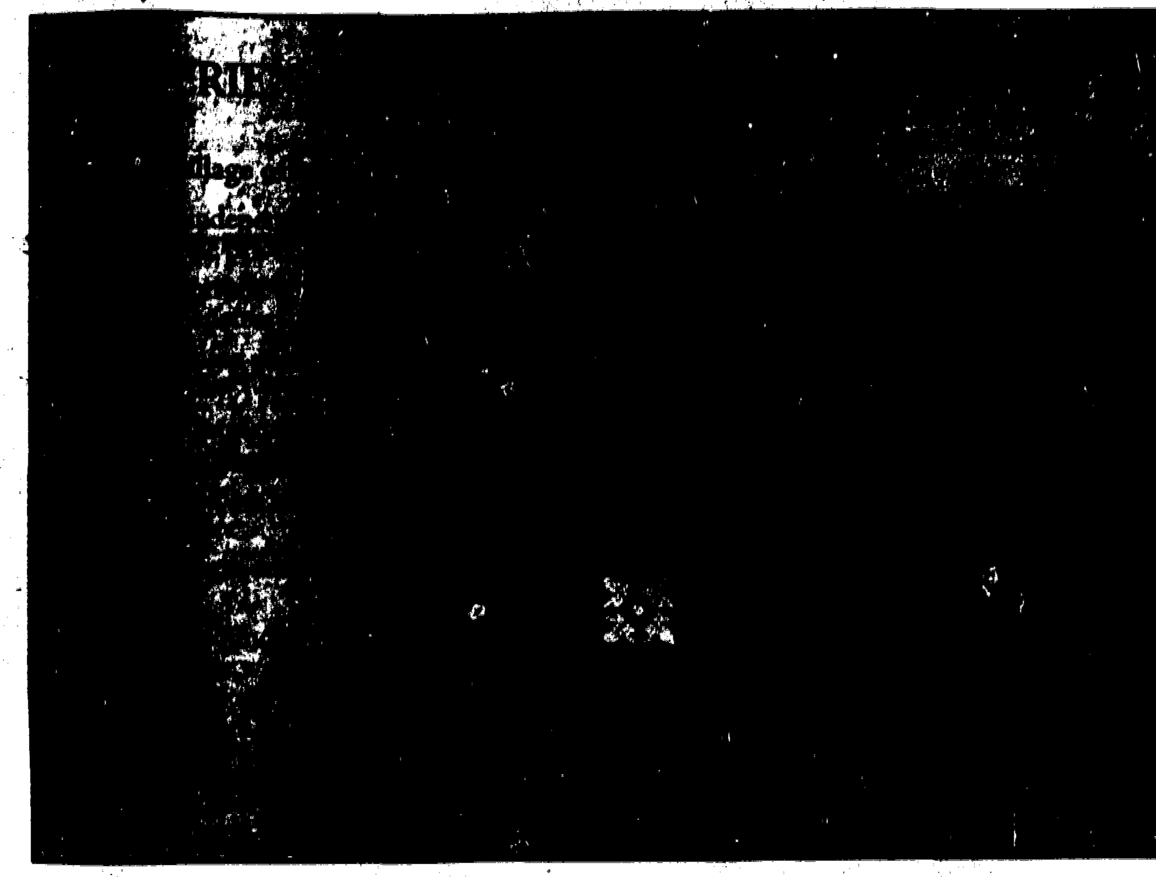
The Komen Community Service Award is presented to a corporation, organization or individual volunteer for assisting the Komen Foundation in reaching the community with its message of breast health awareness and the importance of early detection and for involvement in local programs that provide breast cancer education and screening, especially in underserved populations.

"It is such an honor to win this award," Nancy Sumas said. "The Komen Foundation has many thousands of dedicated volunteers, all of whom are working to make a positive difference in their communities and improve the lives of those affected by breast cancer."

The Komen North Jersey Affiliate serves the nine county northern New Jersey region — Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren. Since its inception in 1997, the Affiliate has awarded more than $6.2 million to community-based agencies providing breast health education and outreach, and breast cancer screening and treatment programs for the medically underserved and uninsured. In addition, the affiliate has contributed more than $2.7 million to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Award and Research Grant Program, which funds groundbreaking breast cancer research, meritorious awards and educational and scientific programs around the world.



The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Community Service Award gets presented to the Sumas family at the National Affiliate Conference in Dallas. From left are Karen Rivera, affiliate representative to the national board; Clarice Tinsley, Fox 4; Robert Sumas, vice president and secretary of Village Supermarkets, and his wife, Dina; Nancy and John Sumas, vice president, Village Supermarkets, and Lynn Sellers, National Board of Directors.



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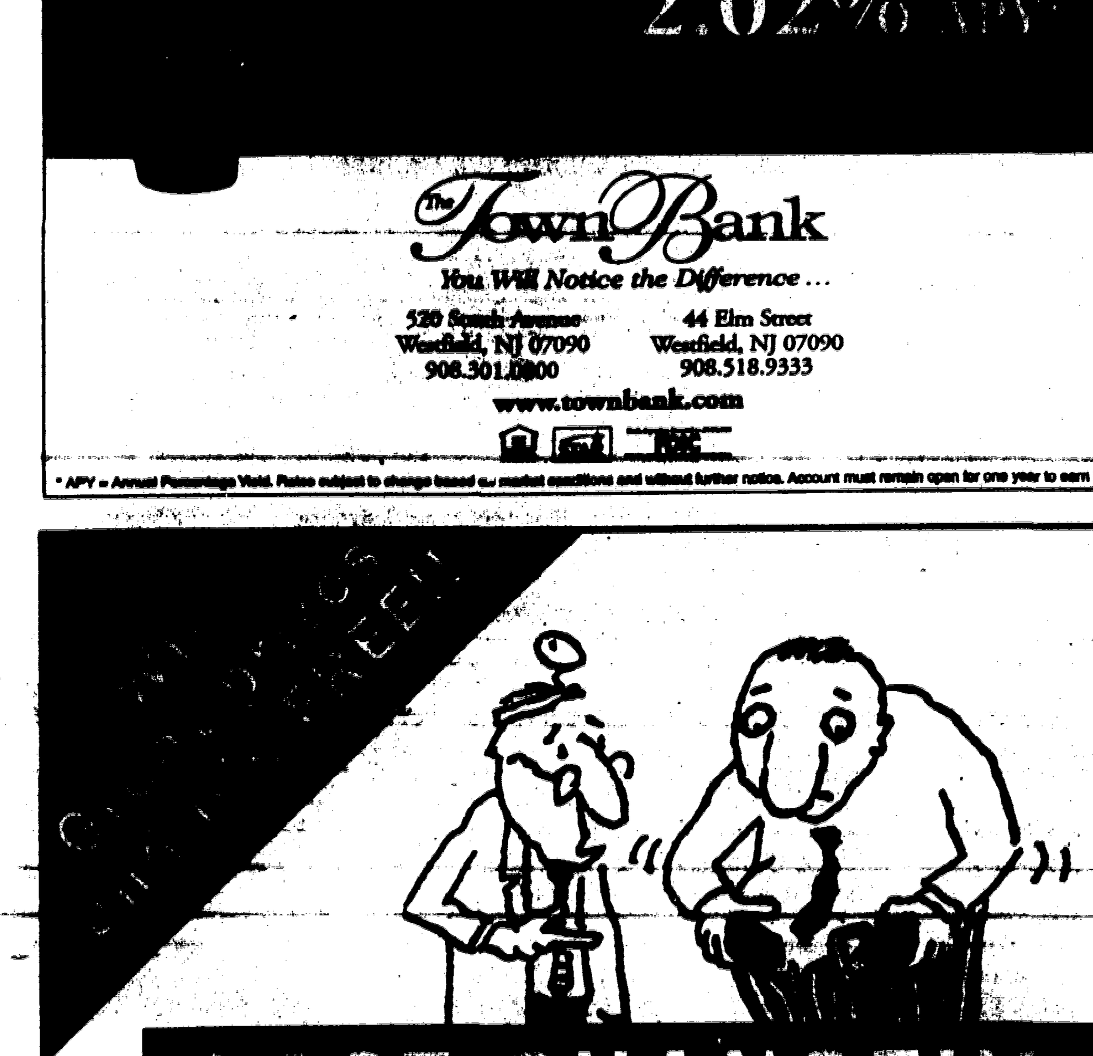

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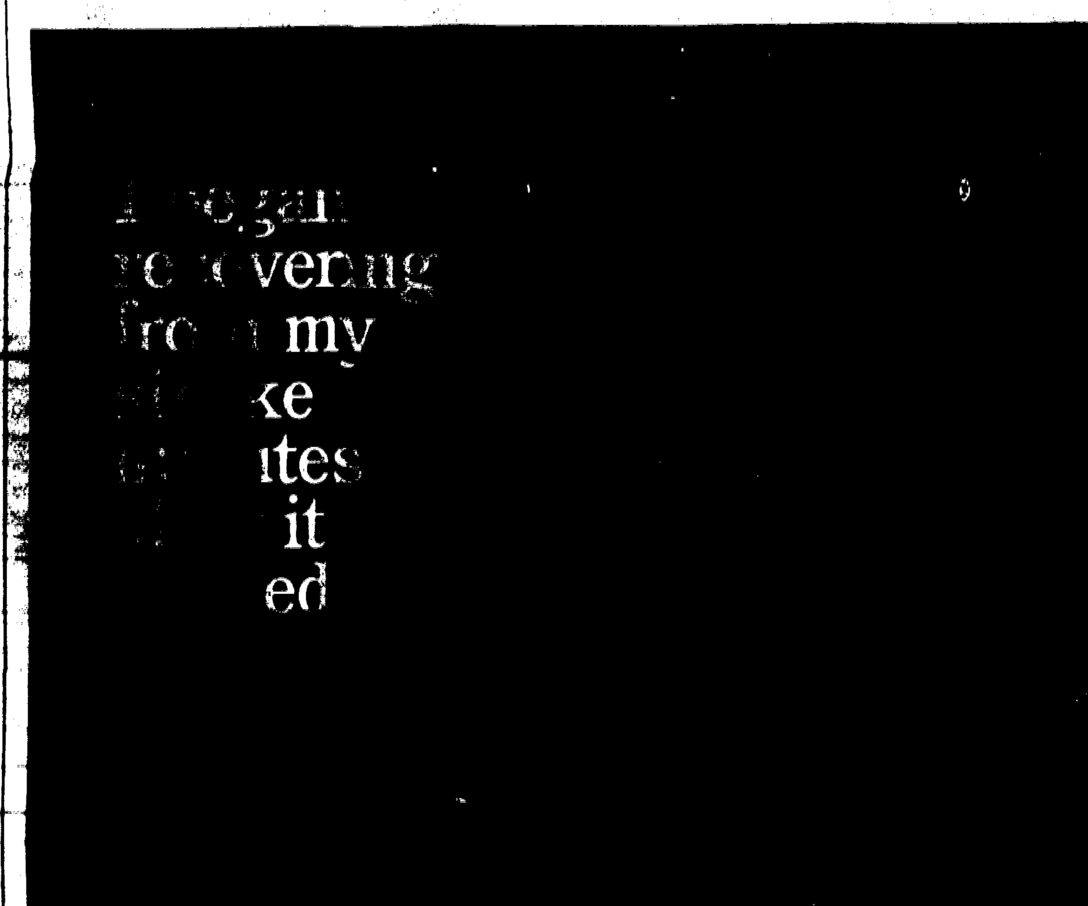

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Stroke
Minutes matter. Know the signs. Know where [illegible]

Watercolor exhibit on display

"Mostly Watercolors" is the name of an exhibit by Verona artist Ann Taylor. This exhibit of 40 watercolor and pastel paintings is on view at the Bouras Galleries in Summit on DeForest Avenue. The exhibit will be at Bouras Galleries through April 28. The galleries are open to the public by appointment only. To make an appointment, call Linda Cole at 908-277-6054.

Taylor is an award-winning artist who finds challenge in interpreting a wide variety of subjects, frequently utilizing water as a compositional element. Her love of color and light is evident in her paintings as is her passion for travel. Taylor began studying watercolor when she was 15. A graduate of the High School of Industrial Arts in Manhattan, she has a bachelor of arts in fine and applied arts from Brooklyn College. Further studies include courses at The School of Visual Arts, the New School for Social Research and most recently, the Yard School of Art in Montclair.

Taylor is a member of several professional organizations; she is also an associate member of the New Jersey Watercolor Society and the Garden State Watercolor Society.

Taylor just completed a three-year presidency of the Essex Watercolor Club — New Jersey's oldest watercolor society. Presently, she teaches watercolor painting and is a trustee of the Verona Park Conservancy.

Young explorer

Margo Armstrong enjoys exploring the grounds of Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit. She recently spent part of an afternoon walking the woodland trails and visiting the Educational Center and Wisner House.

Journalist speaks to students

Summit resident Bryan Burrough, a renowned journalist and co-author of the classic financial book "Barbarians at the Gate," visited Morristown-Beard School on March 10 to speak with students about his career path and his experiences in investigative journalism.

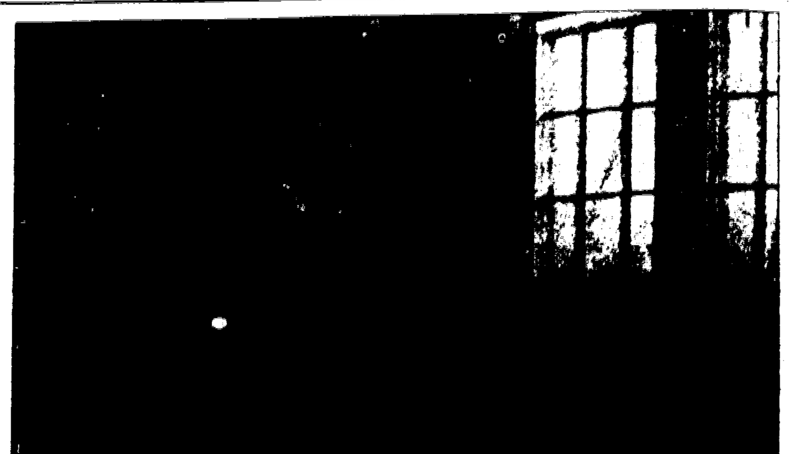
Burrough, a former *Wall Street Journal* reporter, is currently a special correspondent at Vanity Fair magazine in New York. His book, "Barbarians at the Gate," which chronicles the takeover battle for RJR Nabisco in 1988, has been called one of the most influential business books of all time.

Burrough told the students that, as a young boy growing up in Texas, he always dreamed of being a reporter.

"I always thought that newspapers were the greatest thing because you got paid to snoop," he said. "I dreamed of being a police reporter for the *Dallas Morning News*. That sounded like that would be the pinnacle to me." After graduating from the University of Missouri with a degree in journalism, Burrough took a job at *The Wall Street Journal*, where it didn't take him long to make a name for himself.

"Being a reporter is a high-energy job and you can make your mark right out of college," Burrough said. "Many of the best reporters are in their 20s."

By the time he was 27, Burrough had completed his first book, "Barbarians at the Gate." Burrough also discussed his three most recently books: "Dragonfly: NASA and the Crisis Aboard Mir," "Public Enemies: America's Greatest Crime Wave and the Birth of the FBI" and "Vendetta: American Express and the Smearing of Edmond Safra."



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Oratory Parents' Guild plans April gala

The Oratory Preparatory Parents' Guild, based in Summit, will conduct its annual spring gala, "A Night in Monte Carlo," at the Bridgewater Marriott Hotel on April 8. The event is a major fund-raiser of the Parents' Guild, as well as an opportunity for Oratory parents to honor two faculty members, Steve Fava and Vicki Candon, who have devoted 25 years of service to Oratory Prep.

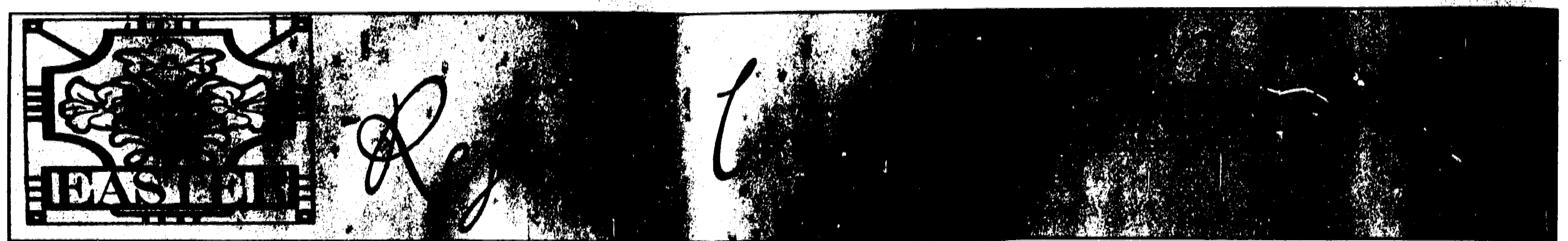
Anyone interested in 50/50 tickets may call Arlene Braco of Warren at 908-647-7604.

Highlights of the evening will include a bountiful cocktail hour featuring silent auction gifts, followed by a dinner reception and open bar, plus casino games and dancing.

If local businesses or individuals would like to donate a gift, they are encouraged to call Florence Barry of New Providence at 908-665-1662.

Oratory Prep is a Catholic college preparatory school, located in Summit, for grades seven through 12.

For information on Oratory or to schedule a visit, call 908-273-5771 ext. 11, or visit the Web site at oratoryprep.org.



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Date	Services	Time
Good Friday	Vespers & Exposition of Holy Shroud	3:00 pm
Holy Saturday	Matins & Blessing of Easter Baskets	5:00 pm
Easter Sunday	Resurrection Liturgy & Blessing of Easter Baskets	8:30 am

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Our RISEN LORD
Maundy Thursday - Service of Tenebrae
March 24 at 7:30 pm
Good Friday - Service of Reflection
March 25 at 1:00 pm
Easter Sunday Service - Communion
March 27 at 10:30 am

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Liturgies of Holy Week 2005
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion- March 19-20
Mass at 5:30 pm - Saturday
7:30, 9:00, 10:30am and 12:00 noon - Sunday
Holy Thursday-March 24
Morning Prayer 9:00am
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday-March 25
Morning Prayer - 9:00am
Stations of the Cross Bike Tour - 9:30 (bring a bagged lunch)
Outdoor Stations - 1:30pm
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 3:00pm
Living Stations - 7:30pm
Holy Saturday-March 26
Morning Prayer 9:00am
The Great Easter Vigil - 7:30pm
The Easter Vigil begins outdoors with the blessing of the Easter fire
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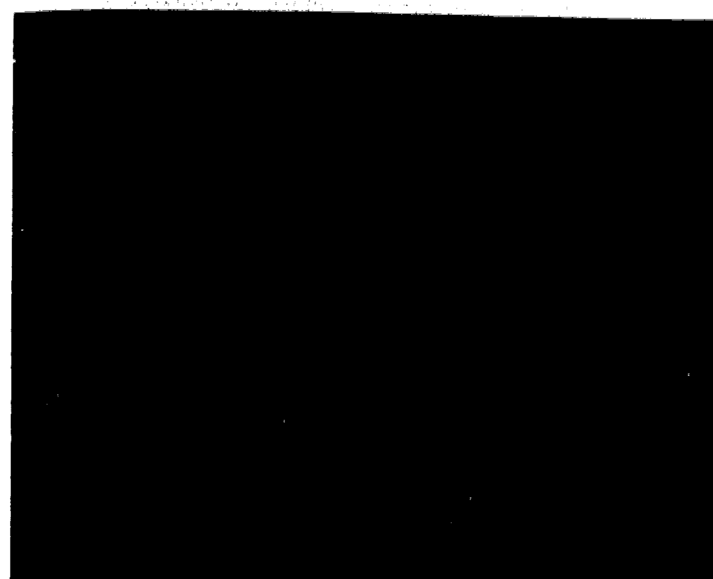


SAGE Eldercare welcomes Don Nelson as the new Chore Service manager. The volunteer service helps seniors with minor repairs so they can remain independent and living in their homes.

SAGE offers Chore Service for seniors

Suzanne Lyon, director of volunteers at SAGE Eldercare, has announced a new Chore Service program to help seniors remain independent and in their homes.

The Chore Service assists seniors with minor repairs to ensure their safety and reduce the risk of fires and falling in their homes. Using a safety checklist, SAGE's trained volunteers help evaluate homes and identify problem areas. They are unable to service emergencies or large jobs requiring a licensed technician, but will be happy to refer a client to someone who can.

Whether it's changing a light bulb or moving heavy boxes in the garage, a SAGE handyperson can help. Larger jobs require an assessment prior to service.

Those who would like more information about the Chore Service can call Don Nelson, Chore Service manager, at 908-598-5514.

To volunteer for the Chore Service, call Suzanne Lyon at 908-598-5514.

SAGE Solutions serves as a major community resource in the establishment and delivery of innovative services for older adults and their caregivers; providing them with dignity and choice. SAGE Solutions recently moved to their new site at 290 Broad St. and conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony earlier this month. SAGE programs include HomeCare, Meals-On-Wheels, SHIP — State Health Insurance Assistance Program of Union County, Infocare and many more. For information on SAGE, call 908-273-5550.

SENIOR NEWS

Old Guard speaker discusses harbor plan

William Slezak will give an update on how the New York and New Jersey harbor is achieving the vision of a world class port and a world class estuary at the Tuesday meeting of the Summit Old Guard.

Due to a snowstorm on March 1, this meeting was rescheduled.

Slezak is chief of the New York and New Jersey Harbor Programs Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District. He will describe how work is under way by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Port Authority on a $2.2 billion project to deepen the port's channels to accommodate large ocean-going ships. As the largest port on the East Coast, it is a key economic factor in contributing more than 230,000 jobs, $10 billion in wages and $22 billion in sales to the region.

Slezak will show the need to protect and restore the natural environment within the harbor's estuary. He will explain how this is a challenge and goal to accomplish during a time of funding constraints.

Slezak has been with the Corps of Engineers for 28 years in various positions. He has master's degrees in ecology from Rutgers and in environmental engineering from NJIT. He is currently a resident of West Orange.

Retired men are invited to attend meetings of the Summit Old Guard Tuesday mornings at the New Providence Borough Hall at 360 Elkwood Ave. A coffee hour starts 9:15 a.m. followed by a 10 a.m. business meeting. Old Guard members participate in sports, bridge, hikes and trips plays, concerts and other events. The Summit Old Guard was founded on Dec. 2, 1930 and is currently celebrating its 75th year.

For information, call Earl Gilkey at 908-464-2480 or log on to the Web site: www.summitoldguard.homestead.com.

Poetry group continues

Join residents of Summit Senior Housing and their friends Monday in the Arts & Crafts Room of 12 Chestnut Ave., Summit at 2 p.m. as they continue their monthly poetry group, "Poetry: Poems from the Heart," led by Marion Mansfield.

This month's selections honors the intimate relationship between people and their pets. Original and favorite poems will be read. Summit area seniors are welcome. Admission is free.

Summit AARP meets

The Summit AARP will conduct its next monthly meeting on Monday at 10 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church at 587 Springfield Ave. in Summit.

Coffee and social starts at 9:45 a.m. The speaker will be Mary Vascininno. She will provide an update on Medicare benefits/prescription plans.

On April 25, the guest speaker will be Christine Hodde, from the Summit Area Red Cross, who will speak on volunteer opportunities and a spokesperson from the Community Food Bank of Hillside.

For information on upcoming meetings, call 908-273-2239.

PREP group gathers

SAGE Eldercare, a major community resource for eldercare, offers a monthly support group for caregivers the third Wednesday of each month at SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad St. in Summit.

PREP — People Responsible for Elderly Persons — provides caregivers with emotional support, community resources, effective problem-solving and coping strategies, and the chance to share common concerns with others who are caring for their aging loved ones. For information, call Ellen McNally, SAGE InfoCare director, at 908-273-5550.

SAGE Eldercare serves as a major community resource in the establishment and delivery of innovative services for older adults and their caregivers; providing them with dignity and choice. These services allow the elderly to remain independent and living in their own homes.

Present SAGE programs include HomeCare, Meals-on-Wheels, SHIP — State Health Insurance Assistance Program — of Union County, Bill Paying, a Shopping Service, Chore Service, InfoCare and a Resale Shop and Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center, currently located in Berkeley Heights. SAGE serves 5,000 older people and their families annually in Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union counties.

For information, call 908-273-5550 or log on to www.sagenj.org.

Furniture workshop returns to SAGE

After a temporary hold as SAGE Eldercare moved into its new facility at 290 Broad St., Summit, the SAGE Workshop is now accepting items for repair. Do you need a chair caned or rushed? Does a table need to be refinished?

If you need furniture repair, the volunteer craftsmen at the SAGE Workshop can help.

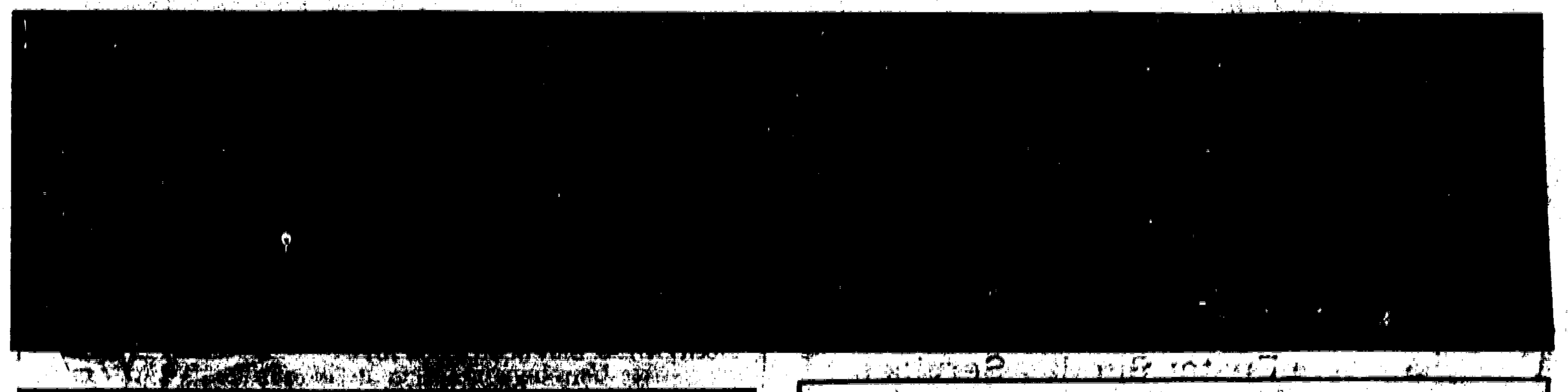
Since 1961, the SAGE Workshop has offered the public fine-quality furniture repair. The workshop volunteers will consider repairing any piece of furniture that can be carried into the workshop. The workshop has especially earned a reputation for expertise in reweaving cane chairs.

Prices depend upon the condition of the chair or furniture item and the materials required in the restoration process.

SAGE grant aids initiative

SAGE Eldercare has announced a grant has been received from the Henry H. Kessler Foundation to launch a new fall prevention initiative for seniors. The project will include a series of comprehensive programs about fall prevention for the elderly, for the public-at-large and for SAGE's volunteers, home health aides, staff, clients and caregivers. The programs will be designed in collaboration with health care providers in SAGE's service area, covering Morris, Union, Essex and Somerset counties. With approximately one-third of adults aged 65 and older in the community falling each year, the program will play a vital role in helping to prevent falls and the risks of injuries in the elderly.

SAGE Eldercare has hired Short Hills resident Julie Reich as the fall prevention coordinator. "The goal of this important initiative is to reach out to the elderly in our community and educate them about this important health problem," said Reich. "Prevention is a key factor to get them familiar with new program development and I am excited to be part of this important new programming component of SAGE Eldercare." She is a Cornell graduate and received her master's degree in social work administration from Columbia University. The first fall prevention program, "Fall Prevention Facts & Strategies," is scheduled for May 26 at the SAGE Eldercare Headquarters at 290 Broad St. in Summit. Refreshments are served at 9:30 a.m. and the program begins promptly at 10 a.m. This program is provided free of charge. For information about this initiative, call Julie Reich at 908-598-5552.



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RELIGION

Program highlights Jewish-Indian heritage

On Wednesday, Sisterhood Congregation Israel will sponsor the program "Jewish Calcutta Through Music and Memory with Rahel Musleah" at 339 Mountain Ave. in Springfield at 7 p.m.

The program includes a buffet of Indian food. Guests are $10 per person. Advance reservations must be in by today.

For information, call Bernice at 973-376-1329.

Musleah is a noted journalist, author, singer and storyteller.

Through the vivid prism on her family's story, Musleah will introduce the distinctive heritage of the Jews of India. The seventh generation of a Calcutta family, Musleah traces her roots to 17th century Baghdad. Through her multi-media song, story and slide programs, she shares her rare and intimate knowledge of this ancient community's history, customs and melodies. Her presentation will open a window on a rich heritage little known to most. Musleah is an award-winning journalist with hundreds of published articles to her credit.

Her work has appeared in *The New York Times*, Family Circle, Publishers Weekly, Hadassah, Reform Judaism, Jewish Woman, Na'amat Woman and numerous other Jewish journals.

She is also the author of several books and has made a previous recording of Baghdadi-Indian melodies.

Church service strives to celebrate life

For those who say "life is a song to be sung," the April 10 "Celebrate Their Life" service strives to be joyful and memorable. The service will be conducted at 3 p.m. at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, Springfield.

Those who have said good-bye to a loved one in the recent or distant past are encouraged to come to this service of remembrance and celebration. The event is sponsored by Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, the Triad Chamber Vocal Ensemble and Atlantic Home Care & Hospice, an affiliate of Atlantic Health System.

Special readings and prayers of thanksgiving for the life of loved ones will be offered by The Rev. Elaine Wing, pastor of Springfield Emanuel and representatives of Atlantic Home Care & Hospice.

The Triad Chamber Vocal Ensemble will offer seven uplifting and moving anthems. The 20-voice mixed adult choir is comprised of professional musicians as well as talented amateur singers.

Currently conducted by Virginia Johnston, the ensemble performs concerts both on its own and with other musicians at the annual Canticles for Life AIDS Benefit Concerts each spring. "Come to the Music," "Let This Be My Prayer," "Shenandoah," "Skylark" and "What Does the Lord Require of You," are among the songs planned for April 10.

For directions to the church call 973 376-1695. A love offering will be taken for Hospice and Triad Arts, and a simple reception will follow.

Jesus monologues performed at Emanuel

Special music and monologues depicting the thoughts of Mary, mother of Jesus, and John, the beloved disciple, will help worshipers at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church enter into the story of Jesus' betrayal and sacrificial death on Good Friday at 7:30 p.m.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

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EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - "SERVING CHRIST IN THE 21st CENTURY" - 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield. Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr. Pastor. Sundays: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors. Spanish Sunday School 9:30 am and 5:30 pm. 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care - 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesdays: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study: Junior/Senior High Ministry. Active Youth Ministry; Wide-Range Music Program. Ample Parking. Chair Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351. Mondays - 7:00 pm - ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield 973-376-0539. Mark Mallach, Rabbi. Richard Nadel, Cantor. Marilyn Garlen, President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekday services Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM Sun.-Thurs. 7:45 PM Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset. Sundays, 8:30 AM. Festival & Holiday mornings 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for sixth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH-ORTHODOX

CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SPRINGFIELD 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield 973-467-9666. Chaim Marcus, Rabbi. Alan J. Yuter, Rabbi Emeritus; Solomon Greenfield, President. Congregation Israel is a Modern Orthodox synagogue. There are two daily weekday morning Minyans at 6:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Daily weekday Mincha/Maariv services are also held. Call the shul office for times. There are two Shabbat morning services at 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. as well as Junior Congregation at 9:30 a.m. the Nursery School conducts classes for children aged 2 1/2 to 4. A summer camp is also available to children of this age. Adult classes are held three nights a week with two weekly Teen classes. We have an active Senior Set and very active Jr. NCSY and Sr. NCSY chapters for pre-teens. Our Sisterhood, Adult Education and Youth groups provide a wide array of communal programming. For further information call the synagogue office at 973-467-9666.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor/Education Director. Nina Greenman, Pre-School Director; Mindy Schreff, Family Life Educator; Edward Fink and Hank Rottenberg, Co-Presidents. Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:00 PM, with monthly Family and Alternative Worship. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah students. Pre-school, classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Renaissance Group and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (973) 379-5387.

LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 973-379-4525, Fax 973-379-8887. Remo Madsen, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, 229 Cowperthwaite Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kritsch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Summit is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m.; the emphasis of which is to always have a "good week" because of Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose". The sermons are uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to keep you awake. The music and weekly children's message are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship refreshments and fellowship, and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you too can have a "good week". Call the church office or Pastors Gina or Rich Hendrickson, Senior Co-Pastors for more information at 908 277-1700.

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THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081.973-376-3044. SUNDAY EUCHARIST: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon. Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST

UNITARIAN CHURCH IN SUMMIT, 4 Waldron Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. 908-273-3245. www.ucsummit.org. Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Minister. Mitchell Vines, Music and Choir Director. Sunday Services and religious education classes at 9:30 and 11:00 AM. Adult Education and other programs.

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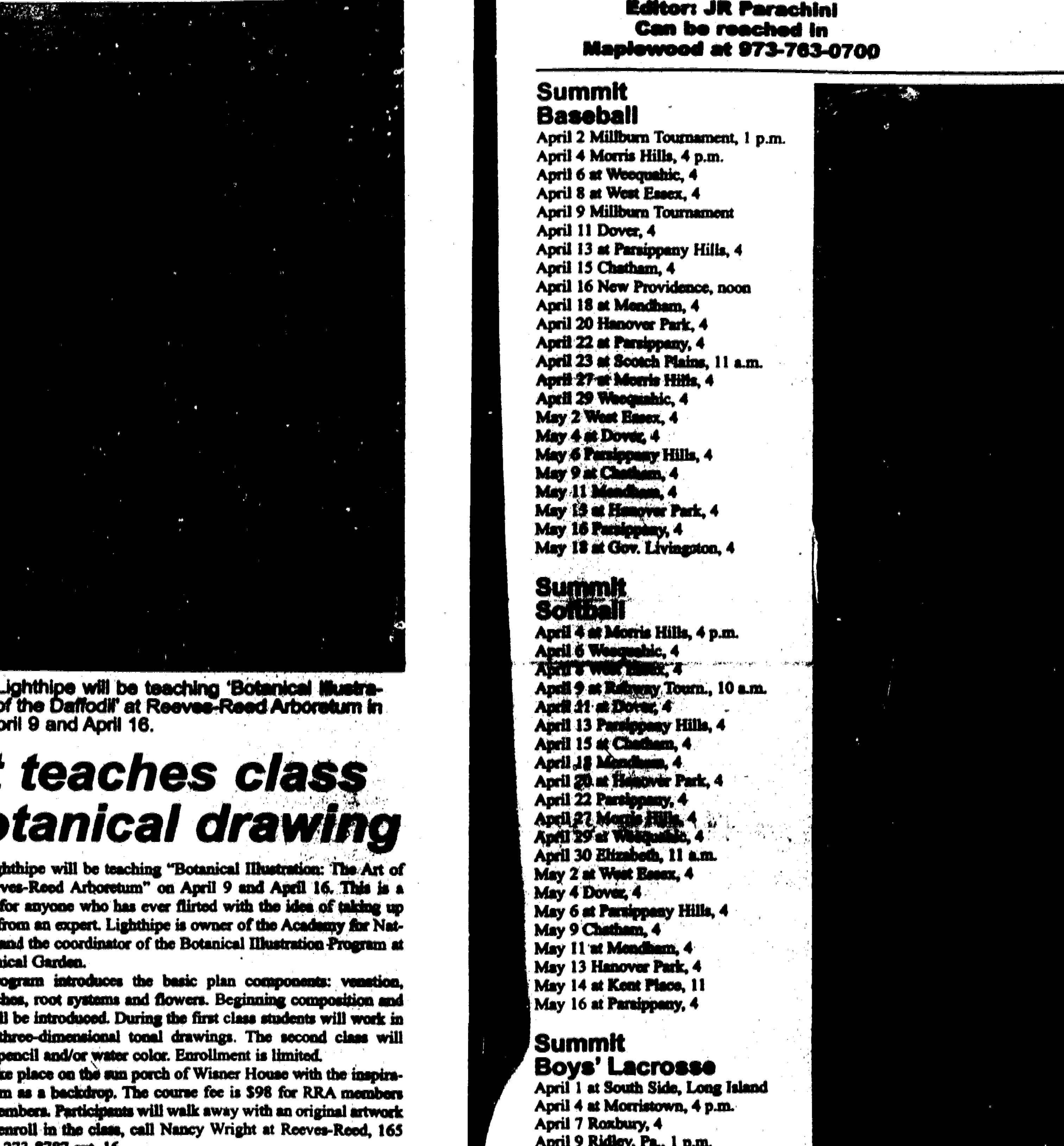

Artist Mindy Lighthipe will be teaching 'Botanical Illustration: The Art of the Daffodil' at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit on April 9 and April 16.

Artist teaches class on botanical drawing

Artist Mindy Lighthipe will be teaching "Botanical Illustration: The Art of the Daffodil at Reeves-Reed Arboretum" on April 9 and April 16. This is a unique opportunity for anyone who has ever flirted with the idea of taking up illustration to learn from an expert. Lighthipe is owner of the Academy for Natural Arts in Warren and the coordinator of the Botanical Illustration Program at the New York Botanical Garden.

The two-day program introduces the basic plan components: venation, leaves, stems, branches, root systems and flowers. Beginning composition and transfer methods will be introduced. During the first class students will work in graphite to create three-dimensional tonal drawings. The second class will advance to colored pencil and/or water color. Enrollment is limited.

The class will take place on the sun porch of Wisner House with the inspiration of the arboretum as a backdrop. The course fee is $98 for RRA members and $108 for non-members. Participants will walk away with an original artwork for their home. To enroll in the class, call Nancy Wright at Reeves-Reed, 165 Hobart Ave., at 908-273-8787 ext. 16.

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Summit Baseball

April 2 Millburn Tournament, 1 p.m.
April 4 Morris Hills, 4 p.m.
April 6 at Weequahic, 4
April 8 at West Essex, 4
April 9 Millburn Tournament
April 11 Dover, 4
April 13 at Parsippany Hills, 4
April 15 Chatham, 4
April 16 New Providence, noon
April 18 at Mendham, 4
April 20 Hanover Park, 4
April 22 at Parsippany, 4
April 23 at Scotch Plains, 11 a.m.
April 27 at Morris Hills, 4
April 29 Weequahic, 4
May 2 West Essex, 4
May 4 at Dover, 4
May 6 Parsippany Hills, 4
May 9 at Chatham, 4
May 11 Mendham, 4
May 13 at Hanover Park, 4
May 16 Parsippany, 4
May 18 at Gov. Livingston, 4

Summit Softball

April 4 at Morris Hills, 4 p.m.
April 6 Weequahic, 4
April 8 West Essex, 4
April 9 at Rahway Tourn., 10 a.m.
April 11 at Dover, 4
April 13 Parsippany Hills, 4
April 15 at Chatham, 4
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April 30 Elizabeth, 11 a.m.
May 2 at West Essex, 4
May 4 Dover, 4
May 6 at Parsippany Hills, 4
May 9 Chatham, 4
May 11 at Mendham, 4
May 13 Hanover Park, 4
May 14 at Kent Place, 11
May 16 at Parsippany, 4

Summit Boys' Lacrosse

April 1 at South Side, Long Island
April 4 at Morristown, 4 p.m.
April 7 Roxbury, 4
April 9 Ridley, Pa., 1 p.m.
April 12 at Hanover Park, 5 p.m.
April 16 Westfield, 4
April 18 at Chatham, 4
April 22 at Randolph, 5
April 27 Columbia, 4
April 30 Delbarton, 11 a.m.
May 2 Livingston, 4
May 4 at Ridgewood, 4:30 p.m.
May 9 West Essex, 4
May 11 West Morris, 4
May 14 at Mendham, 11
May 16 Hunterdon Central, 4
May 19 at Seton Hall Prep, 4

Summit Girls' Lacrosse

April 2 Roxbury, 10 a.m.
April [illegible] Morris, 4 p.m.
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April 25 Chatham, 4
April 28 at Roxbury, 4
May 2 West Morris, 4
May 5 at Montclair, 4
May 10 Randolph, 4
May 12 at Mendham, 4
May 16 Columbia, 4
May 19 Livingston, 4
May 23 at West Essex, 4
May 26 at Chatham, 4

Summit Boys' Tennis

April [illegible] West Essex, 4 p.m.
April 13 at Parsippany, 4
April 15 Chatham, 4
April 19 at Mendham, 4
April 20 Hanover Park, 4
April 21 Millburn, 4
April 22 at Parsippany, 4
April 27 at Morris Hills, 4
May 2 West Essex, 4
May 4 Parsippany Hills, 4
May 9 at Chatham, 4
May 11 Mendham, 4
May 13 at Hanover Park, 4
May 16 Parsippany, 4

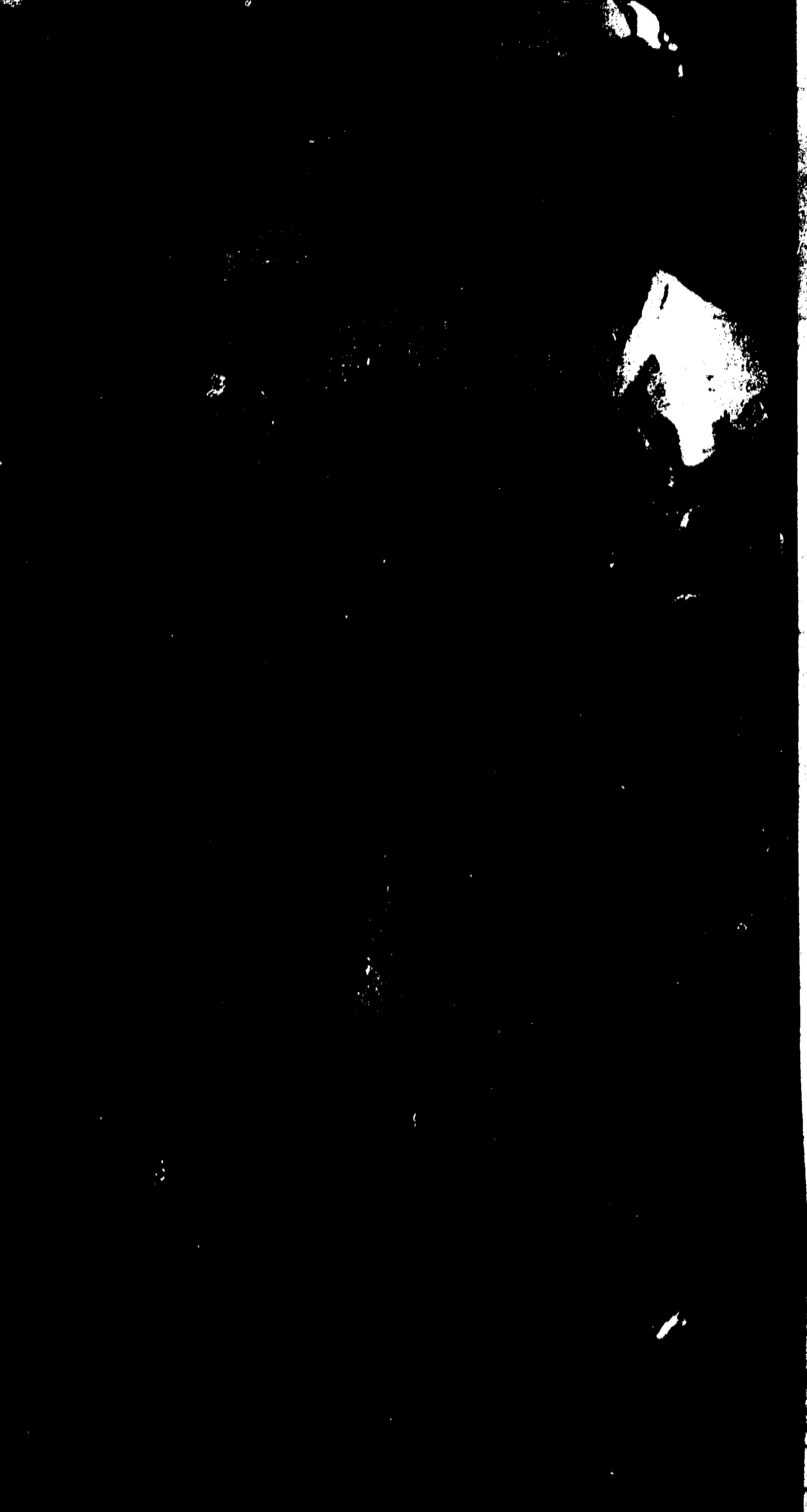
Summit Track

April 5 Chatham boys' home, girls' away, 4 p.m.
April 12 at Par.Hills and Weequahic, 4
April 26 at Mendham and W. Essex, 4
April 27 at Hanover Park [illegible]
April 29-30 Penn Relays
May 3 Dover [illegible]
May 27-28 State Sectionals

Summit's Shea earns field hockey honor

Cadyn Shea of Summit was one of 18 Amherst College field hockey players named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division 3 National Academic Squad.

Amherst earned NFHCA Division 3 National Academic Team honors as well.



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Expectations always high for Summit boys' lacrosse

Hilltoppers eye return to Group 1 title game

By Timothy Denman
Staff Writer

The expectations are always high.

For the past six seasons, the Summit High School boys' lacrosse team has been one of the best in the state.

Last season, Summit finished with a 17-4 record and advanced all the way to the Group 1 championship game, falling to Mountain Lakes 9-5 at Ridge.

Prior to that, the Hilltoppers captured a second consecutive Union County Tournament championship one year after winning the very first.

Summit also won the Iron Hills Conference and finished the 2004 campaign ranked No. 4 in the state.

With that kind of winning tradition, every spring brings about new challenges.

This season is no different.

The Hilltoppers will, once again, be striving to advance [illegible]

The team will have its work cut out for itself, however, as it tries to continue its dominance without last season's two biggest stars.

Goalie Rob Schneider moved on to Duke, while midfielder Austin Fraser is now playing at Notre Dame. Both [illegible] year ago, Schneider earning All-American honors.

In addition to the losses of Schneider and Fraser, the Hilltoppers are also looking to replace four other 2004 seniors who provided major contributions.

"Every year we come into the season with a new challenge," said Summit head coach Jim Davidson, who last year notched his 100th victory at the helm. "The most important thing is that all the players, both new and old, mold as a team and keep working hard to improve."

Although the Hilltoppers lost some quality players last season, they still have a large core of experienced players to mix with their younger talent.

The Hilltoppers are traditionally a very balanced team, and hope to continue in that vein this season.

Summit relays on solid defensive play to help produce scoring opportunities in the transition game on the offensive side of the field.

The team is also known for its solid play in a standard set on offense, passing the ball around and looking for the open shot.

"We're working on recognizing situations," Davidson said. "It's important for us to [illegible] we are on the field when we have an advantage [illegible] the ball there."

The Hilltoppers open the season against challenging out-of-state opponents sandwiched around Morris County foes.

First, Summit will travel to Long Island, N.Y. to take on South Side High School on April 1.

Then, after games at Morristown April 4 at 4 p.m. and at home against Roxbury April 7 at 4, the Hilltoppers will host Ridley, Pa. on April 9 at 1 p.m. at Tatlock Field.

"We hope to kick the season off strong," Davidson said. "That is why we scheduled these out-of-state games. Both of those schools have very good programs and playing them will help us get in shape."

2005 Roster

Seniors: Jake Lecky, midfield; [illegible] Alpizar, midfield; [illegible] Kelly, midfield; Geoff [illegible], midfield; Mike Dugan, attack; Todd Kaiser, attack; Sam [illegible], attack; Marshal [illegible], attack; John Stuckey, defense; Brenden Feeney, defense; Connor Lyons, defense; Chris Conlon, defense; Pete Brie, goaltender.

Juniors: Kevin Feeney, midfield; Will Gruetzmacher, midfield; Scott Garibaldi, midfield; Casey McGuire, attack; Rob Hillenbrand, attack; Andrew Bigler, defense; Andrew Duff, goaltender.

NOTES: Summit defeated Westfield 12-3 in last year's UCT championship game at Tatlock Field after topping the Blue Devils 4-3 in the 2003 final at Kean University in Union.

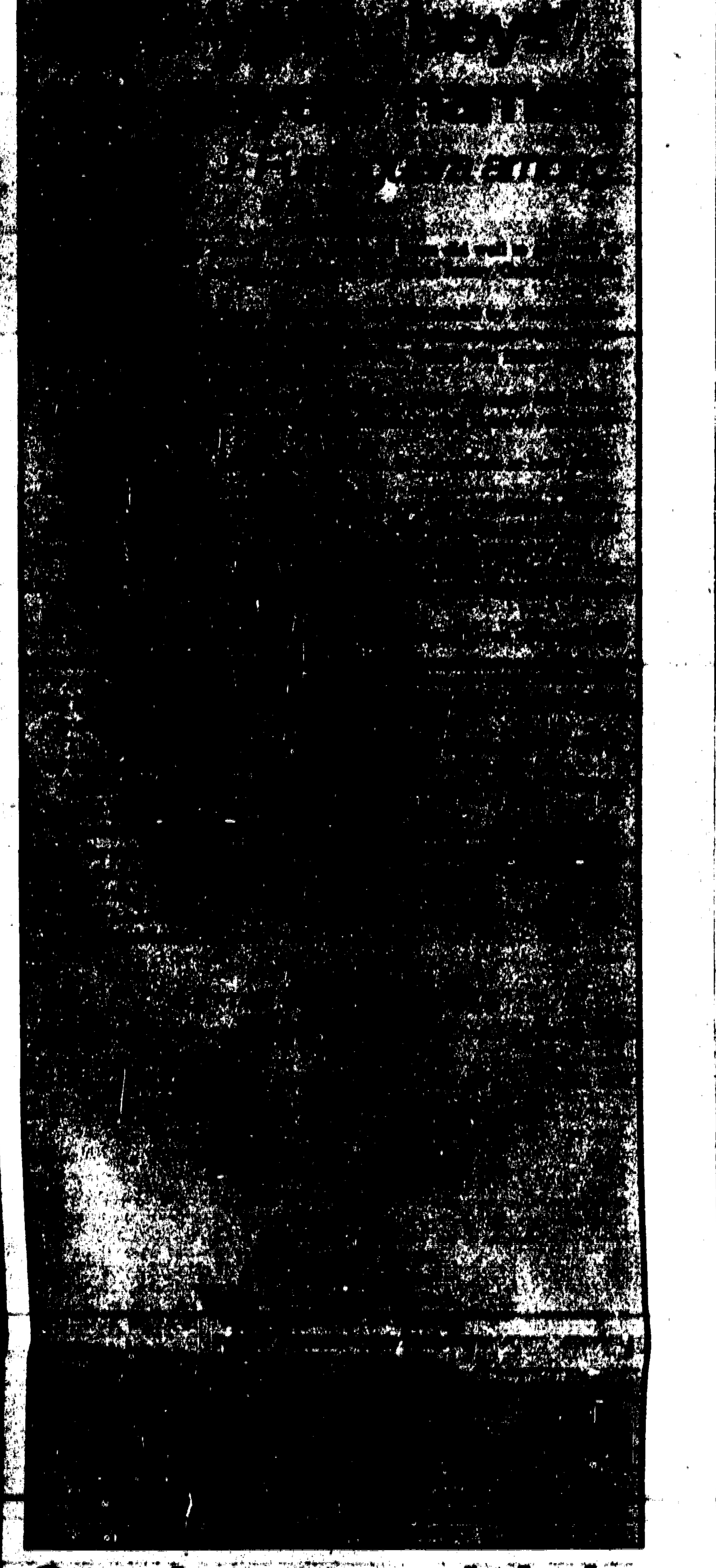
Dugan netted four goals and assisted on another in last year's triumph over Westfield.

Dugan also scored two goals in Summit's setback to Mountain Lakes in the Group 1 final. Schneider did well to come up with as many as 40 saves in that contest.

Here's how Summit finished in the state rankings the past six seasons: 2004: fourth, 2003: fifth, 2002: third, 2001: second, 2000: fifth, 1999: [illegible].

Summit reached the 2001 NJSIAA Tournament championship game, falling to South Jersey power Moorestown.

The Hilltoppers reached the state semifinals in 2002.



St. James girls' win first tourney

The St. James of Springfield 3rd and 4th grade CYO girls' basketball team captured the St. Francis Cabrini Tournament championship, downing Blessed Sacrament of Martinsville 16-13 in last Saturday's title game in Middlesex.

This was the first championship for the St. James girls' program.

Allison Weber and Heather Fritzen scored five points, Brianne Mooney four and Dana Geardy two for St. James, which won its sixth straight. Weber, Fritzen, Megan Cieri and Melanie Rossamando rebounded well. Mooney was outstanding on offense and defense, while Deirdre McElroy played suffocating defense.

St. James, which finished 16-6, held off a late comeback by breaking the opposing team's press and then denying a three-point shot at the buzzer. Others who contributed to the championship effort were Sabrina Bibbo, Kayla Aljure, Jaclyn Nardone and Nicole Kearney. Each girl received a first-place trophy, with the team trophy being presented to coaches Jim McElroy and Mark Weber.

The St. James 7th and 8th grade boys' team also had an outstanding season, finishing with a 17-11 record and making the CYO and UCBL playoffs. The program bids a fond farewell to 8th graders Jimmy Saracogna, Colin Greten, Casey Buckley, Dion Nesmith, Bobby Lisowski, Jesse Lara, Nick Garciano and Steven Vigilante. Siracusa and Garciano were with the St. James program for eight years. Standout 7th graders included Will Stankevicius, Kevin McGovern, John Hosha, Marquey Mayo, Steven Patricco and Matt McElroy. Coaches were Tom O'Brien, Mike Greten and Steve Siracusa.

The 3rd and 4th grade boys' Blue team closed out a successful 8-2 campaign with a 13-8 victory over St. Teresa's of Kenilworth. The squad was coached by Joe Lyna, Joe Esposito and Jim Fitzpatrick.

In action two weeks ago, the St. James 5th and 6th grade CYO girls' team posted a come-from-behind 27-23 win over Clark Recreation. Emily MacDonnell had 10 points, including a clutch 3-pointer to seal the victory. Anne Ubachel had nine points, Jen Kaczynski six and Bridget Inkenelli scored and had a key steal late in the game. Amanda Lyna provided strong rebounding and solid defense.

The 5th grade boys' team defeated St. Gen's, Elizabeth 21-18.

The 7th and 8th grade boys' squad defeated Westfield Rec 56-43. Stankevicius poured in a team-high 21 points while Garciano added 11 and McGovern and Siracusa six. Buckley, Hosha, Vigilante and Greten also scored.

Zavocki in North-South Saturday

Cristin Zavocki has one more high school game in her.

The Dayton High School senior basketball standout will [illegible] South squad in Saturday's annual North-South [illegible] Center at Toms River North.

Zavocki, who will continue on scholarship at [illegible] to their first-ever sectional championship as [illegible] Jersey, Group 1.

Dayton's 18-10 season came to an end in the Group 1 semifinals.

A four-year varsity starter, Zavocki finished as Dayton's all-time leading scorer with more than 1,600 points. She reached 1,000 points in Dayton's first game this year.

With the reclassification of schools by the NJSIAA two years ago, Dayton now finds itself on the South side for these All-Star games.

Zavocki is one of 15 girls' on the South roster and the only one hailing from a Union County school. The coaches are John Truban of Colts Neck, Terri Jennings of Northern Burlington and Bill McCartney of Cinnaminson.

The boys' game will follow at 2:30 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, CHAPTER XXVII, PARKS, POOLS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS, TO REVISE FEES AND RULES FOR THE SPRINGFIELD MUNICIPAL POOL, POOL DAY CAMP AND CHISHOLM DAY CAMP, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE of the Township of Springfield County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows

SECTION I - AMENDMENTS
(A) Section 27-6.7 Fee: Use of Receipts is hereby amended to replace paragraphs (c)(3) and (4) with the following

c. Fees for Municipal Pool
3. Private swim lessons (per ...) per two (2) half hour sessions — $40.00
4. Group swim lessons (per three week ...) First child in family — $45.00; Each additional child in family — 35.00

(B) Section 27-6.10 Hours of Operation, is hereby amended to replace paragraph (b) with the following

b. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., except Memorial Day weekend and each weekend thereafter until the pool opens on a daily basis 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

(C) Section 27-8.2 Membership, shall be amended to add the following sentence: There shall be a Counselor in Training (C.I.T.) program available for those children who have or will become 13 years of age during the 12 month period ending on December 1 of the year of the program.

(D) Section 27-8.3 Camp Sessions, shall be amended to read as follows: The day camp shall operate nine (9) sessions, each of which shall operate on specific days and dates as established on a year-to-year basis. Session A (part I) shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on all weekdays during the first four (4) weeks during which the camp is in session. Session A (part II) shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on all weekdays during the second four (4) weeks during which the camp is in session. Session B (part I) shall be from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all weekdays during the first four (4) weeks during which the camp is in session. Session B (part II) shall be from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all weekdays during the second four (4) weeks during which the camp is in session. Session C (part I) shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all weekdays during the first four (4) weeks during which the camp is in session. Session C (part II) shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all weekdays during the second four (4) weeks during which the camp is in session. Session D (Saturday "Theme Days") shall be from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on all Saturdays during the first eight (8) weeks during which the camp is in session. Session E shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all weekdays during the ninth week in which camp is in session. Session F shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all weekdays during the tenth week in which camp is in session. There shall also be a Breakfast Club from 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. and After Care from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., on all days on which camp is in session.

(E) Section 27-8.4 Fees, is hereby amended to replace paragraphs (a), (b) and (d), establish paragraph (e), and replace the parenthetical phrase, as follows:

a. Session A or Session B (Pool Members Only)

Part I and Part II, resident	$425.00*
Part I and Part II, nonresident	475.00
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Part I only or Part II only nonresident	400.00

b. Session C

Part I and Part II	
Pool member, resident	$750.00*
Pool member, nonresident	900.00
Non-member, resident	950.00
Non-member, nonresident	1,200.00
Part I or Part II	
Pool member, resident	$500.00*
Pool member, nonresident	600.00

d. Session E or Session F, each (pool members only)

Resident	$150.00
Nonresident	200.00

e. Extended Sessions

Breakfast Club	$ 25.00 per week
After Care	20.00 per week

*(For two or more children, a $25.00 per full session or $10.00 per part session discount for each additional child shall be deducted. For payments made prior to April 30, there will be, per child, a $25.00 per full session or $10.00 per part session discount.)

SECTION II - RATIFICATION
Except as expressly modified herein, all other provisions and terms of the Code of the Township of Springfield shall remain in full force and effect.
SECTION III - SEVERABILITY
In case any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall not effect or invalidate the remainder of any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance, and to this end, the provisions of each section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.
SECTION IV - REPEAL
Any ordinance or portion of any ordinance which is inconsistent with the modifications of this ordinance is repealed to the extent of its inconsistency.
SECTION V - EFFECTIVE DATE
The foregoing Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication thereof according to law.
I, Kathleen D. Wisniewski, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, March 22, 2005, and that said Ordinance shall be submitted for consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held on April 12, 2005, in the Springfield Municipal Building at 8:00 p.m., at which time and place any person or persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. Copy is posted on the bulletin board in the office of the Township Clerk.

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OBITUARIES

J. Michael Carter

J. Michael Carter, 51, ... died March 10 in Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York City.

Born in Bronxville, N.Y., Mr. Carter moved to Summit ... years ago. He was a senior vice president at Manufacturers and Traders Trust Co., New York City. Mr. Carter was president of the Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield, a volunteer at the metropolitan Golf Community and vice president and chairman of the Junior Committee of the Metropolitan Golf Association. He also was vice chairman of the U.S. Amateur at Baltusrol in 2000.

Mr. Carter was a member of the Wing Foot, Westchester, N.Y., the Delbarton School Fathers and Friends, the Westfield YMCA and the Nomahegan Swim Club, Westfield. He was steering committee chairman of the USS Swimming Program and had run the New York City Marathon three times. Surviving are his wife, Mary Lou; two daughters, Kelly and Aly; his mother, Mary Carter, and a sister, Katherine Brantley.

Vitina Lauricella

Vitina E. Lauricella, 90, of Mountainside died March 7 at home.

Born in Frankfort, N.Y., Mrs. Lauricella lived in North Tonawanda, N.Y., and Maryland before moving to Mountainside in 1968.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas; a daughter, Sharyn Hargadon; a son, John; two sisters, Susan LaBarbera and Ann Bartosiak; two brothers, Anthony and Samuel Gelose, and three grandchildren.

Robert Langan

Robert E. Langan, 76, of Springfield, formerly of Union, died March 8 in Union Hospital.

Born in Newark, Mr. Langan lived in Union for 42 years before moving to Springfield a year ago. He was the former owner of Bob's Luncheonette in the Valley in West Orange. Mr. Langan served in the Army in the 1940s.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy; two daughters, Valerie Dohm and Victoria Vilas; a brother, Thomas, and five grandchildren.

Gary Schmidt

Gary D. Schmidt, 61, of Springfield died March 7 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Schmidt moved to Springfield 38 years ago. He was a service representative for Pitney-Bowes, Cedar Knolls, where he worked for 40 years before retiring in 2001. Mr. Schmidt served in the Army from 1963 to 1969. He was a 28-year member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 16-10 Manasquan Inlet, Point Pleasant. He served as personnel officer for the past several years.

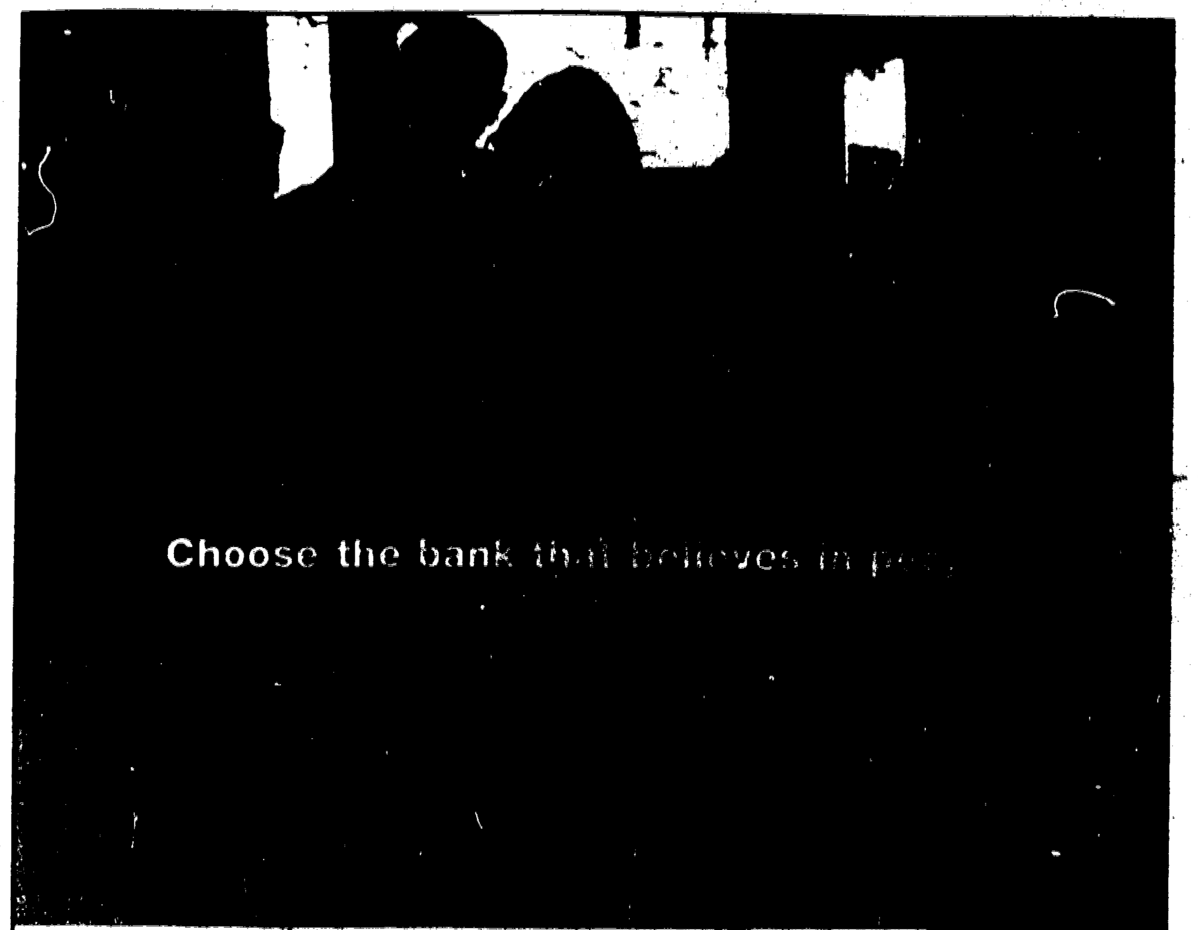
In 1993, Mr. Schmidt received the Op-Sail '92 award from the Coast Guard for superior performance as a member of the Mothy Operational Staff. He was recognized by the Coast Guard again, in 1996, with the Coxswain Award. Surviving are his wife, Linda S.; a son, Jim, and a daughter, Cherylann Verrelli.

Joseph DeFeo

Joseph DeFeo, 85, a lifelong Summit resident, died March 12 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Mr. DeFeo was vice president of Shop-Rite supermarkets in Springfield, where he worked for 20 years before retiring 20 years ago. Mr. DeFeo served in the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Catherine; two daughters, Christine Hoke and Teri Handabaka; a son, James; a sister, Philomena Zotte; seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.



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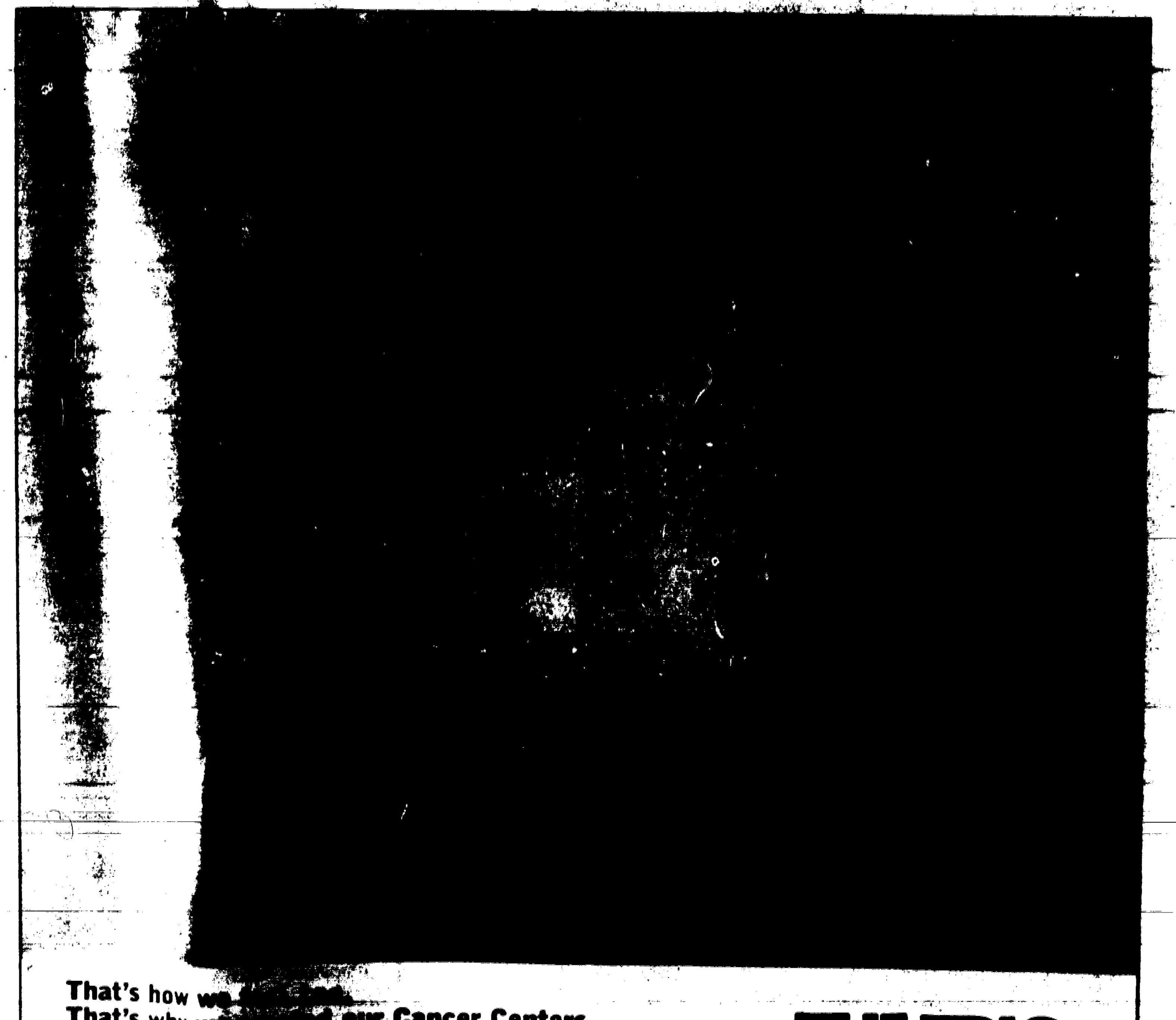

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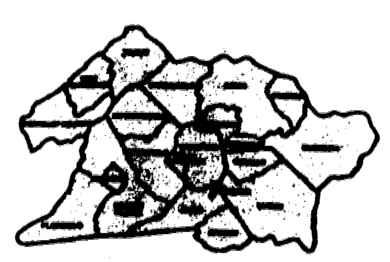


Union County

The crossover

Last week Congressman Bob Menendez, D-13, issued a statement about the jump of 10 percent in cargo business at the Port of New York and New Jersey. He also reminded "as the senior New Jersey member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee I was proud to fight for the funding...that will facilitate growth and will allow freight to move efficiently."

Menendez also used the opportunity to talk about funding projects he delivered to his congressional district which stretches from Hudson to Middlesex counties along the coast.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

His funding coup included $5.7 million for the Kapkowski Road improvements in Elizabeth; hardly Earth shattering, and more along the lines of the bread and butter work done by all 13 Congressmen in the state.

Still Menendez has moved remarkably from a state senator who took advantage of a reapportionment plan which set up a district favorable to a Hispanic candidate 14 years ago. He has risen to become the third ranking Democrat and chairman of the Democratic caucus in the house. On the Potomac, seniority is what matters.

Come next year, Menendez is ready to take a run at a statewide post. The run presupposes that the campaign of U.S. Sen. Jon Corzine to become governor will be successful, [illegible] run after the [illegible] Torricelli two [illegible] he is ready [illegible].

Menendez faces [illegible] hurdle. It isn't [illegible] only privately by [illegible] cal [illegible] see? The so-called crossover question does exist.

One successful crossover candidate is Freeholder Angel Estrada. Like Menendez a refugee from Castro's Cuba, Estrada has polled [illegible] in two [illegible]. Estrada directs the [illegible] to the [illegible] of his [illegible].

For Menendez the reality is that a large portion of his constituency is Hispanic. Last week he held a bilingual Social Security town hall meeting in West New York. A former mayor, Menendez understands retail politics.

In the past two weeks he attended a fund-raiser for political allies in [illegible], made stops in Union County, Perth Amboy and a host of other communities. He [illegible] President Bush's changes to Social Security saying, "his vision for Social Security would [illegible]."

A [illegible] matter in a run for the U.S. Senate. Frank Baraff is a soft-spoken but smart consultant on the Democratic side. His view on the crossover issue is maybe it isn't so important. "I haven't seen any scientific evidence of significant prejudice to a Hispanic candidate. It may actually cut both ways."

By cutting both ways, Baraff says that in polling Hispanics have been undercounted. He also points to the surge of ethnic pride for a minority candidate which might cancel out any remaining prejudice in the voting booth.

Menendez worked his way through college and law school. He has two kids, and [illegible] attends an Ivy League college. He cosponsored a bill with Republican Congressman Frank LoBiondo regarding funding of transportation projects. If the dialogue of the campaign next year for the U.S. Senate centers around those kind of issues, that would be indeed a crossover by voters that would be noteworthy.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

Parks Department asks for more staff

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The acquisition of more than 125 acres of parkland in the last few years has county officials considering hiring more staff to maintain the new properties.

During budget hearings before the freeholder board's Fiscal Affairs Committee this month, Parks and Recreation Director Charles Sigmund requested six new laborer positions, primarily because of additions to the park system in the last several years. The starting salary for a laborer is approximately $30,000.

Funding could come from the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund to cover salaries of the new positions.

Freeholder Daniel Sullivan said parks is one department where the board probably thought it would add staff. "It was probably justified for this two or three years ago," he said of the request for six laborers.

The county manager's $375 million executive budget, presented in January, included no new positions but budget hearings already have yielded several requests for more staff. In addition to the parks' request, the Sheriff's Office has requested nine new officers and the Prosecutor's Office is asking for four assistant prosecutors, five detectives, one crime analyst and two clerical staff. Budget hearings were scheduled to conclude last night.

Sullivan said the Fiscal Affairs Committee will examine new positions overall within the county, but the Parks Department is a little different because of the potential funding source. He said the county already has been advised by attorneys that it's within the trust fund's guidelines to pay for staff.

The county conducted a fields analysis, researching methods used in other counties — specifically Middlesex, Morris and Somerset — to assist in increasing personnel for maintaining new properties.

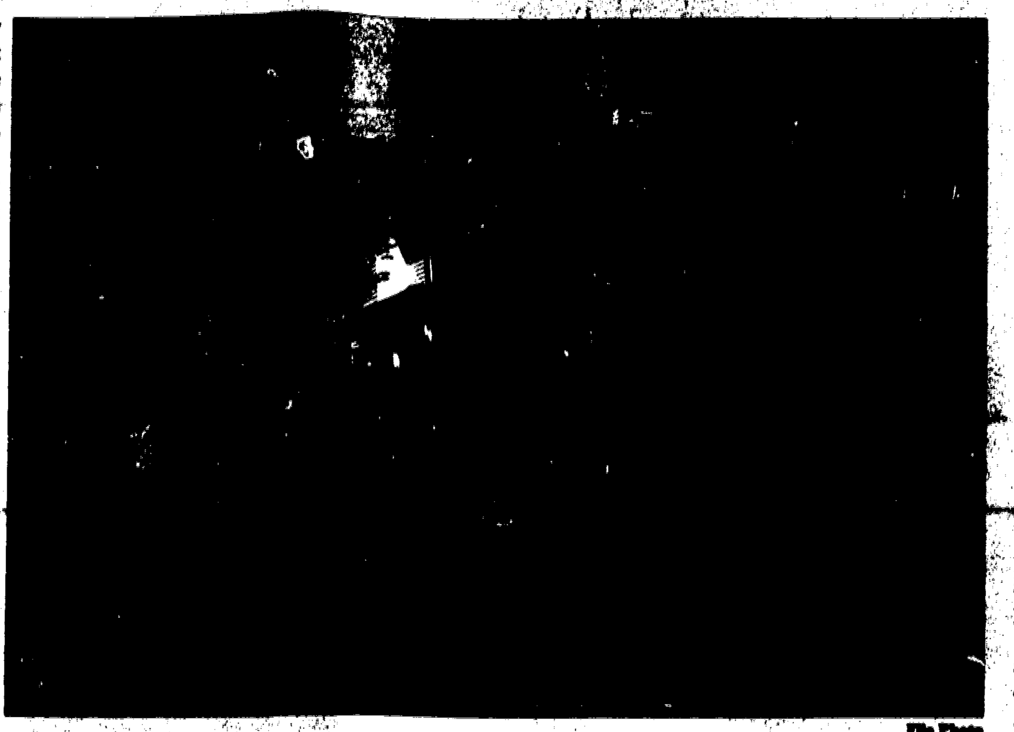
After last year, County Manager George Devanney said, the county began discussing how to analyze needs for this year's budget process.

"We all understood no one wanted to pay for existing staff" when the trust fund was approved.

Voters approved the trust fund through a ballot referendum in November 2000, dedicating a 1.5-cent property tax for open space, recreation and historic preservation. The trust fund generates about $8 million a year.

The county's goal was to preserve 100 acres in 10 years, and in its first four year, the fund has been used to acquire about 127 acres.

"The parks are one of the jewels of the county," Devanney said, adding that when so much space is acquired, it can't be expected that the same number of staff will be able to maintain it.



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Union County's acquisition of more than 100 acres of parkland, including last year's purchase of the Peterson farm in Plainfield, has officials considering adding staff to the Department Parks and Recreation to maintain the park system.

Established in 1921, the Union County park system is the second oldest in the nation, with 33 parks in 19 of the county's 21 municipalities, totaling 6,517 acres. There are 73 employees in the Division of Park Planning and Maintenance, 37 in the Division of Golf Operations and 31 in the Division of Recreation and Administration. The department also has more than 250 seasonal employees. The department's 2004 budget included $8.7 million for salaries and wages.

The department employs a regional maintenance crew based at select county parks that is responsible for the parks in their vicinity. Should the six positions be approved, Sigmund plans to add one at each of the five sections and another to the horticulture or forestry crew. The positions would be effective July 1. The last time positions were added to the parks department was two years ago, Sigmund said, adding that the department lost five employees to attrition the year before that.

There are 12 employees based at Warinanco Park in Roselle, seven at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside, seven at Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield, and 10 at Rahway River Park in Rahway. At the Galloping Hill service yard in Kenilworth, there are 27 employees, not including those responsible for golf maintenance.

Freeholder Daniel Sullivan, chairman of the Fiscal Affairs Committee, said the idea of using the trust fund to hire employees has been part of ongoing discussions since the fund's first acquisition, and have heated up with several recent purchases.

"We didn't think we'd have such an explosion in parkland last four years," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said the county has been able to react quickly to parkland opportunities, such as the New Jersey-American Water Co. property in Summit and the former Esposito farm in Clark, adding that there's been discussions on how to fund maintenance of the new properties without impacting the budget in a negative way.

Construction at Esposito Park in Clark and Meisel Avenue Park in Springfield, which has been closed for soil remediation, is expected to begin in six to nine months.

Sigmund said it would be simple if maintaining the parks meant just mowing the grass, but it includes general building and ballfield maintenance, cleaning restrooms and general litter cleanup on a daily basis.

"The question for the board is, do we agree additional positions are needed," Sullivan said.

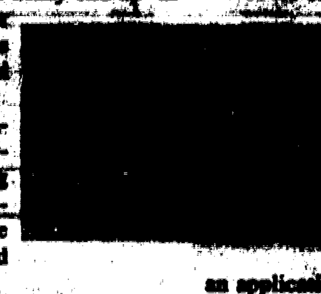
Volunteers are a pet's best friend

By A. E. Gualtieri
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is part of a [illegible] series about nonprofit [illegible] in Union County.

Shep and Vivianna were left alone for a month. The two were found with no food and no water in a tiny apartment in Belleville. Now, the two abandoned cats need a new home.

They're not the only ones: 3,000 dogs and cats are born every hour in the country, and there are not enough homes for them all. Many end up in shelters, where over 13 million animals are euthanized every year.



Shep and Vivianna are lucky, however. They're being cared for by volunteers from People for Animals, based in Hillside.

PFA's mission is twofold: to rescue and adopt out pets, and to provide low-cost spay and neuter operations to avoid more unwanted pets, a mission it has been carrying out since 1980.

Currently, PFA has over 20 dogs in the system, living with foster families, and an ever-changing population of cats living in about 10 foster homes. Space is always a problem, according to Delia Collins, an eight-year volunteer with the organization.

"We have people that call and want us to take their animals, but we don't have the space," she said. Although about 40 animals get adopted every month, there are still more left homeless than PFA can handle.

Foster families are provided with all the materials they need to care for the pets until a permanent home can be found, Collins said. Food, medicine, and cages are just a few of the requirements, donations of which are also needed.

Additional volunteers are needed as well. PFA adoption events require volunteers to help with the animals, take applications, and clean cages.

"A lot of [illegible] have things to do [illegible] the weekends, and there's only so many kids we can take," said Collins. Volunteers must be [illegible] than 18 to [illegible] dogs and in [illegible] school to handle [illegible], she said.

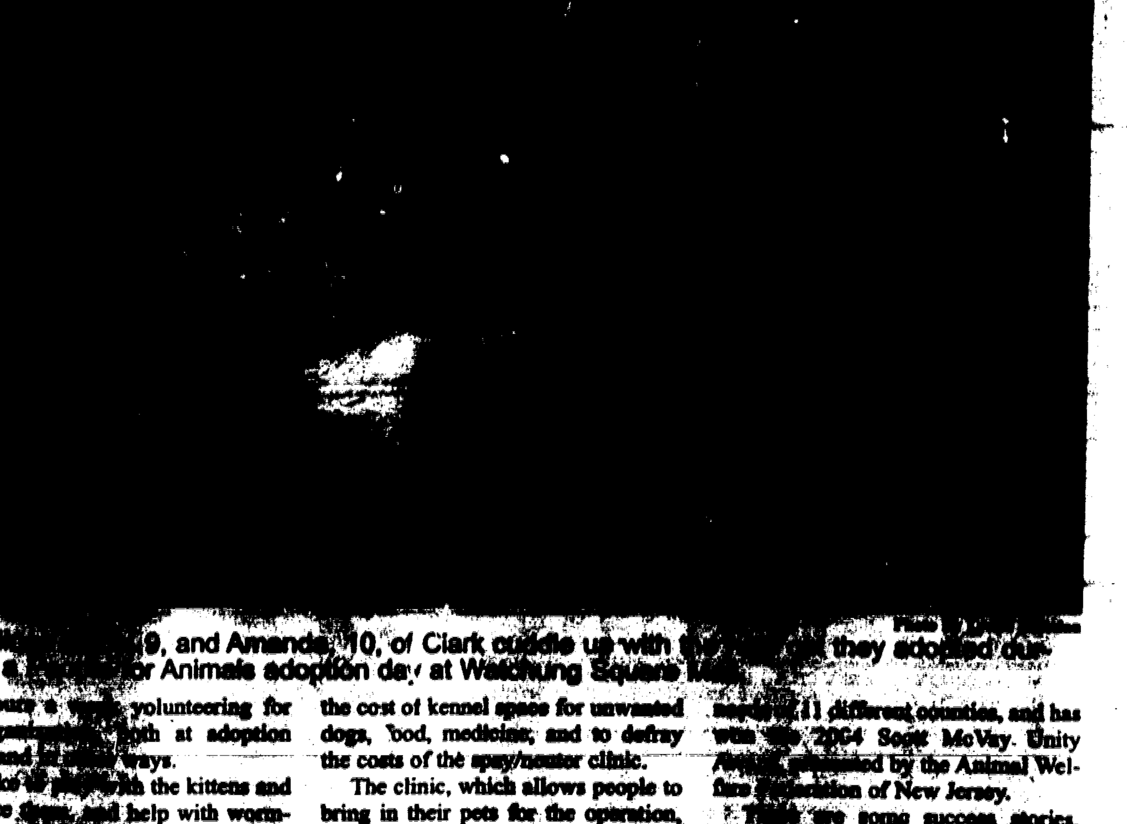
To adopt a pet, an application needs to be filled out. Then there is a waiting period while references are checked, and then the pet is released to its new family.

It's not just working with the animals, although that's a major part of the job.

"The main thing is getting the word out," said Collins, adding that people willing to work on publicity and pass out fliers are always welcome. "There's always something to be done."

McKinsey Luzzi, a student at New Providence High School, got involved after her family adopted a cat from PFA. Over the past few years, she has spent approximately four hours a week volunteering for the organization, both at adoption events and in other ways.

"I like to [illegible] with the kittens and socialize them, and help with worming and [illegible]," Luzzi said. "I like to see them adopted, but it's hard to let them go."



Sibl[illegible] 9, and Amanda, 10, of Clark cuddle up with [illegible] they adopted during a [illegible] for Animals adoption day at Watchung Square [illegible]

Luzzi isn't the only student to help out: groups from Summit High School, Union County College, and even some [illegible] groups have assisted in different ways.

People For Animals is funded though grants, fundraising, donations, and bequests, all of which go toward the cost of kennel space for unwanted dogs, food, medicine, and to defray the costs of the spay/neuter clinic.

The clinic, which allows people to bring in their pets for the operation, turns 20 this year. There, veterinarians, many of whom volunteer their time, operate on animals in an effort to keep population levels stable.

In addition to the clinic, PFA has a "Neuter Scooter," a donated van that provides shuttle service to the clinic for cats whose owners are unable to transport them for the spay/neuter operation and shots. The Neuter Scooter project has addressed the needs of 11 different counties, and has won the 2004 Scott McVay Unity Award, presented by the Animal Welfare Federation of New Jersey.

There are some success stories, however. Chevy, a cocker spaniel, came to PFA from the Jersey City shelter. He was saved from euthanization by the residents of Sunrise Assisted Living Home in Westfield, who adopted him as the resident dog.

"It was nice to see him get a second chance like that, and he loves it," said Collins. "You want to make sure dogs have good homes and families. That's why we're here."

Congressman warns of horrors going on in Africa

By A. E. Gualtieri
Staff Writer

"Most Americans know little about the world, and less about Africa," said Congressman Donald Payne, D-10, to an audience of about [illegible] people gathered in the Elizabeth High School auditorium Tuesday night.

Payne's speech, titled "Darfur: Whose problem is it?" attempted to teach a little bit about the 11-million-square-mile continent, roughly the equivalent of the United States, China and Europe put together.

Darfur, which occupies an area in the Sudan roughly the size of France, is currently in the middle of an ongoing civil war, and its people are being slaughtered in a genocide.

Payne, whose district includes parts of eastern Union County, opened with a brief history of the African continent, to give context to the problem of Africa.

"Africa is and remains one of the most exploited places in the world in terms of natural resources," Payne said, discussing how raw natural resources are taken from Africa and utilized elsewhere in the world, so African nations do not benefit from industry and value-added goods.

[illegible] of Africa's historic [illegible], Payne argued. The division of Africa into colonies held by different European countries between 1880 and 1885 during the Berlin Conference split up societies, often leaving one side of the boundary with an abundance of resources and the other with none.

After the historic overview, Payne took the audience through a slide show of some of his recent visits to Africa, particularly the Darfur region. Photos of the congressman with schoolchildren illustrated his discussion of the Darfur conflict.

"Much of this genocide is the Arab Muslims trying to get the black Muslims out of their country," Payne said, adding that many women are killed and others raped to try to "lighten the Sudanese people."

Payne urged people to get involved. While he commended the recent labeling by Congress of the Darfur conflict as genocide, he said there should be further action.

"Africa is certainly an area where the United States can do much, much more," he said. "We have to get behind Congress and say, 'We have to do more.'"

When one audience member asked what steps could be taken during the interactive discussion, Payne responded that they should contact their congressional and state representatives. Currently, Congressman Payne's brother, Assemblyman William Payne, D-Essex, has sponsored a proposal to divest public employees' pension funds from companies that do business in the Sudan. Payne told audience members to call their state representatives and express their support for divestiture.

"You don't want your [illegible] going to a country that bombs its own [illegible] its own women," Payne said.

As the [illegible] in the audience [illegible] further [illegible].

[illegible] agreed that they had learned [illegible].

"I'd like to go to [illegible]-year-old Shilon Harris when [illegible] attended the forum. "The [illegible] and I learned a lot."

Rachel Chapman, 14, [illegible] the presentation was educational. She said she had attended after hearing about it from one of her teachers.

Other community members came out to support the congressman's efforts as well. "I was moved by the fact that he came out to speak on Africa," said Gus Bailey, a Liberian immigrant. "I think he knows everything about Liberia and the continent, and its problems."

COUNTY NEWS

SeniorNet courses

Beginning April 12, SeniorNet, a national nonprofit organization, offers locally at Union SeniorNet an eight-hour course over two weeks of hands-on instruction in "Computer Fundamentals," taught and coached by seniors. Students must be 50 years of age or older. No prior experience is necessary.

For current and future use a valuable manual and a correlated diskette or CD for instructional use and practice in class or elsewhere are given all free to each student. The fee for the course is $25. Ample parking is free. Coffee at breaks is free. Premises are ground level accessible.

Union SeniorNet is located at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County, 1050 Jeanette Ave., Union, where registration and classes take place. For the course register and pay the $25 fee before April 8.

For more information call 908-687-2697. The schedule of classes for "Computer Fundamentals" will be April 12, 14, 19 and 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Probate law changes

Union County Surrogate James S. LaCorte is informing the public about a major change to New Jersey's probate law that could have dramatic effects on many Union County families.

"Recent revisions in the New Jersey Probate Code have created a situation that will make it necessary for many people with a last will and testament to have it reviewed again by their attorneys. For those without wills, the new changes will have the effect of making it mandatory to have a will," LaCorte said.

While doing an excellent job improving some outdated areas of the old law, the legislation, which went into effect on March 1, has also created new potential inheritance problems for some families, LaCorte said.

One example would occur in the case of long-term separated spouses who have not gone through the actual legal process of a divorce:

A husband and wife separate. Their children assume responsibility for the care of their mother. The separation continues for 15 years, during which time there is no contact between the spouses.

The children spend every day tending to their mother's needs. The wife dies without a last will and testament. Under the old probate code, the children would receive one-half of their mother's estate, minus a $50,000 initial credit to the husband. Under the new code, the children receive nothing.

This is hardly the result the deceased wife would expect or want, but in this and other situations a will is now mandatory to avoid this potential hardship.

"This is just one example of how the new law will impact people's lives," LaCorte said. "All levels of a family, from grandparents to parents to siblings to children, will be affected. The rights of creditors have also been dramatically changed."

The probate changes underscore the importance for every adult of having a proper last will and testament. That document can avoid costly legal fees and family discord, LaCorte said.

"With a proper last will and testament, probating a will is not a costly process," the surrogate said. "The will is a vital legal document. Making sure everything is handled properly can avoid conflict and hardship for family members later," he said.

As the county surrogate, LaCorte is responsible for probating wills and appointing executors, administrators, guardians and trustees of decedents' estates, among other constitutionally mandated duties. Before being elected in 1999, LaCorte was an attorney in private practice.

Union County residents with questions about probate changes or related matters can call the surrogate's office at 908-527-4280.

New passport fees

A new, federally mandated "security surcharge" increased passport processing fees by $12. The fee increases are mandated by the U.S. State Department.

The revised fee schedule will be as follows:

- Passport application, adult, $97
- Passport application, under 16, $82
- Passport renewal, $67
- Emergency/expedited service, add $60

The fee will fund multiple security enhancements in the U.S. passport. The surcharge will also support the cost of upgrading passport delivery from first-class mail to priority mail with delivery confirmation.

In related news, the U.S. State Department is continuing to not accept Hudson County Birth Certificates as valid proof of citizenship, Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi announced. However, birth certificates issued by the New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics and municipal registrars in Hudson County — except Jersey City, Guttenberg and Secaucus — *are acceptable. The highly unusual* decision was made after a joint investigation by the U.S. State and Justice Departments found evidence of fraud.

Passport application forms may be obtained at the county clerk's main office in the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth and the Annex at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield. Applications and related information can also be found online at http://www.ucnj.org/ctyclerk/passport.html.

The Westfield Annex is the county clerk's office in the state open during evening hours. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; the phone number is 908-654-9859. The Elizabeth office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; the phone number is 908-527-4966.

LIFE Center to mark 25th anniversary

Union County College's LIFE Center will celebrate a quarter century of providing educational opportunities for senior citizens at a luncheon on April 9 at 12:30 pm in the Tavern in the Park, 147 W. Westfield Ave., Roselle Park.

The luncheon will serve a triple purpose: to mark the 25th anniversary of the LIFE Center, to honor the late Oscar Fishtein, a UCC professor who conceived, founded and for many years led and taught in the center, and to raise funds to continue the groundbreaking program that he started.

LIFE is an acronym for Learning is Forever. It embodies the concept developed by Fishtein of providing free college-level classes, taught by full-time college staff or adjuncts to senior citizens at easily accessible sites in their own communities or towns close to where they live. Students can take the classes for credit or not, as they wish.

The center is funded by Union County College, with support from the County of Union, Department of Economic Development; City of Elizabeth; Plainfield Foundation; and some of the host communities.

This year classes are being held in 10 of the 21 Union County municipalities. Elizabeth hosts five, Plainfield and Union host four each. Roselle, Scotch Plains and Westfield have two each, while single courses are available in Clark, Mountainside, New Providence and Springfield.

Current and former students and staff are among those expected to attend the silver anniversary celebration that will feature entertainment, a tribute to Fishtein and brief remarks by several staff members and others involved in the center.

The cost is $25 per person, payable *to the LIFE Center, with proceeds* going toward the support of continued LIFE classes. Reservations must be in by Wednesday.

Checks should be sent to Roberta Zimmerman, c/o Union County College, 12 W. Jersey St., Room 711, Elizabeth, 07202.

For more information, call 908-965-2990.

'Women of excellence' honored

Eight women were recognized for their contributions to the community by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women at the 13th annual "Women of Excellence" honors and dinner Friday at The Westwood in Garwood.

Honors were given in the categories of Arts and Humanities, Business, Community Service in the field of Youth Advocacy, Education in the field of Drug Prevention, Government, Government in the field of Environmental Advocacy, Volunteerism, and Lifetime Achievement.

Union County's first director of the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, Angela Devanney of Berkeley Heights, was recognized for her contributions to Government in the Field of Environmental Advocacy.

Devanney, the wife of Union County Manager George Devanney, was directly responsible for $130 million in budgetary allocation, encumbrance and disbursements. Through her efforts she has overseen the preservation of over 100 acres in Union County and administered five county grant programs. Through her work under the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, she handled the administration required to acquire over 126 acres of land in Union County.

Devanney also administered several freeholder-sponsored grant programs: Field of Dreams, Green the Streets, Greening Union County, Preserving Union County and the Kids Recreation Trust Fund.

Devanney's other accomplishments as director of Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund include overseeing the $1 million expansion of the Trailside Nature and Science Center, negotiating the purchase of the Union County Arts Center and assisted the Department of Parks and Recreation in various capital projects.

Shirley Boyden Maxwell of Kenilworth was honored for her contributions to the Arts & Humanities. President of the Kenilworth Historical Society since 1998, Boyden Maxwell fought to save the threatened Nitschke House, a historic home in the borough, from demolition. Due to her advocacy, the structure was purchased and moved to a new location and it will soon be open and available to the public.

For her efforts to preserve and promote Kenilworth history, Boyden Maxwell received a proclamation from the mayor of Kenilworth, naming June 18, 2002, "Shirley Boyden Maxwell Day." She was inducted into the David Brearley High School Hall of Fame on Sept. 20, 2003 for her contributions to Kenilworth.

She has been employed by Schering-Plough Corporation since 1980.

The Operations Services Vice President at Chubb Insurance Company, Patricia Hall of Plainfield was honored in the area of Business. Since starting with the organization in 1971, she has consistently moved upward, with promotions that have given her greater responsibility. In 1986, Hall was promoted to Home Office Operation Manager and later that year, was awarded the Harlem YMCA Black Achievers Award. In 1996, Hall was Chubb's first minority female to be elected vice president.

Hall is very involved in her church, The First Baptist Church of Vauxhall. She currently serves as vice chairwoman of the Trustee Ministry and also sings in the Women of Worship Choir.

Samantha Rozycki of Union was honored for Community Service in the field of Youth Advocacy. She is a seventh-grade Language Arts Teacher at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield. Rozycki also serves as Student Council Advisor for the school, overseeing all student activities and events. She is currently senior counselor and member of the Coordinating and Educational Committees for the New Jersey Association of Student Councils.

Since 1991 she has volunteered countless hours with the association, holding many leadership positions in the organization. She has also taught all of the twelve different leadership classes to middle and high school students at the association's Leadership Training Council.

Serving her fourth year as chief volunteer officer and chairwoman of the Westfield Area YMCA Board of Directors and a board member for the past 14 years, Darielle Walsh of Westfield was recognized for Volunteerism. Walsh has been very active as a member of the Rotary Club of Westfield for more than 19 years and was the first recipient of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce 2000 "Faith in Westfield" Community Service Award.

She has served as a member of the Westfield Board of Education for nine years. First elected in 1992, she served one year as vice president and three years as president. She has also been very involved in local PTAs.

Diane Litterer of Roselle Park was honored for Education in the field of Drug Prevention. For the past eight years she has served as executive director of Prevention Links, a nonprofit that fights substance abuse. Under her direction, the agency has grown from a staff of two to a full-time staff of 12, serving over 29,000 individuals yearly.

The organization works with 20 municipal groups throughout the county. In 1989 she was part of the team that established the Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse.

She has also served nine years as a Washington Rock Girl Scout leader and four years as the chairwoman of the Elmora Youth League Awards Picnic.

Union resident Bertha Little-Matthews was honored for her accomplishments in Government. Little-Matthews works with the federal, state and county officials and nonprofit agencies to promote community development. For more than 15 years she has served in a leadership role in the Union Township Community Action Organization Inc., a social service agency that serves more than 500 families in the area.

She has grown the agency considerably to include a full range of services to seniors, youth, head start, day care, infant toddler, senior services, youth employment, tutorials and recreation. She is also co-founder of the Vauxhall/Union Youth Summer Basketball League and the Vauxhall Summer Enrichment Program.

A U.S. Army Nurse in World War II in the Marinas Islands in the Pacific and in occupied Japan and an advocate for veterans, Ethel Smith of Springfield was recognized for the Lifetime Achievement honors. She was a registered nurse at Children's Specialized Hospital for 13 years.

A member of American Legion Post 228 for 16 years, she has been elected commander of that post since 1999. She also served on the state's Commission for the Battleship New Jersey for eight years. Smith received an award from the Veterans of Cuban Bay of Pigs for helping them establish a monument in Elizabeth.

She volunteers and has established visiting programs at the local Veterans Hospitals of Lyons and East Orange and at veterans nursing homes, and provides leadership for special veterans services conducted at funerals to honor the passing of army personnel. Smith is a deacon, elder and outreach volunteer at First Presbyterian Church of Springfield where she has been an active member for the past 50 years.

'Savor the Flavor'

"Savor the Flavor: What's Cooking in Union County" will be April 18 at The Westwood in Garwood to celebrate the fifth annual awards ceremony and fund-raiser for Prevention Links, Union County's not-for-profit substance abuse prevention agency.

The agency also will mark its 35th anniversary of serving Union County. The awards ceremony will begin promptly at 5:30 pm, but the tasting will continue until 9 pm.

Anyone wishing to attend this non-smoking event should contact Prevention Links at 732-381-4100 for ticket information. The cost of tickets is $35.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Audiences are able to feast on raw theater

By Jeff Cummins
Associate Editor

It's always great to attend a play. There's a challenge to performing live theater that gives the audience a thrill it can't get from television or movies.

But if you think that's entertaining, imagine seeing a play at its very beginning. Hearing the dialogue spoken by one person and then getting the opportunity to critique the play when the performance is done gives the audience an opportunity to see a production at its very genesis.

That's exactly what John Wooten had in mind when he developed the Interactive Readings Series for Premiere Stages, the equity theater group at Kean University.

Wooten has gathered a panel of arts professionals, including producers, directors, publishers and faculty, which will review plays submitted by agents and playwrights around the state, and will choose three plays to read by Wooten, from March 31 through April 2, with one play read each night.

"We do three nights, with one reading of each play each night," Wooten echoed. "Thursday we'll read one, Friday one, and on Saturday another. After Saturday, the panel meets to discuss all three plays, and we decide to continue to develop two of the three. All three get cash awards, two go on for development."

Wooten noted the rationale for selecting plays to produce is far from arbitrary.

Each panelist is given an evaluation form, and the evaluations are collected for each play submitted.

And here's the kicker: The event is free of charge, and audience members have the chance to offer their assessments of the play after it's been read.

"It's a unique experience for our audience, and then they see the play in its most raw form," noted Wooten. "They fill out evaluations forms, they do discussions of the plays afterward, and then they can come back and see how it is as a fully-staged reading, as well as a fully-staged production. They see the full evolution of a play over just a few months."

From the three staged readings, two plays are then developed. Wooten noted that one play, which is staged in June, is one "that can benefit from a equity staged reading."

The other play would be staged in July, and would likely be a play that Wooten and the panel feel is further along in its development.

"The play we pick in June is one we think will benefit from a staged reading, but the one we put on in July is ready to be fully produced," acknowledged Wooten. "They spend two weeks really rehearsing it. Getting the chance to work with actors, directors, and then we stage it, it incorporates costumes, props and lights. Also during the staged readings there are talkbacks with the audience, so the playwright has the opportunity to see how the play is landing on an audience, and can then continue to develop the script. It's an accelerated process from March to July."

How accelerated, you ask? According to Wooten, the process would usually take two years, but one of the benefits of this program is that it takes a scant five months to complete.

"What I like to do, so it goes from March through July, is to schedule the process so the playwrights don't have that lag in between. A theater does a reading of a play, then waits a year or two to decide if they'll produce it," said Wooten. "This takes away that two-year wait."

> *'We want to know how a story affects people. The more diverse the audience, the better.'*
> *— John Wooten*

But there are other benefits, including the chance to hear comments from, well, just about anyone who wants to observe the reading. Admission to the readings is free, and viewers are encouraged to offer their own critique of the play once the reading is completed.

"Every comment that is made might not change the direction of the play, but some comments might be helpful to writers," said Wooten. "We want to know how a story affects people. The more diverse the audience, the better. We want as diverse an audience as possible, so we can have a wide range of comments and suggestions. There are no criteria to be an audience member, the only criteria is that you want to experience the process and be supportive and objective when you're talking with the playwrights after the readings."

This is the first year for the Interactive Reading Series, but it's not the first time that Wooten had this concept. He ran a similar project at Montclair State University for many years — and with considerable success.

"I ran a similar program called Theatrefest at Montclair State from 1992 to 2004," Wooten said. "I evolved the program to fit Kean and expanded the scope when I got here." During the time Wooten ran "Theatrefest" at Montclair, the group developed "Greek Holiday" and "Big Boys," which went on to have full productions at Playwrights Theatre in Madison. Wooten added that one play developed last year, "Lightly Built Bridges," will have its premiere at Cleveland Playhouse in Ohio under a different title next season.

"We had various levels of productions, some published, some optioned in New York. It had a good track record at Theatrefest," said Wooten. "This isn't the same program; I'm developing a new festival that serves the needs of this community. One play chosen will always be a play written by a New Jersey playwright. It's my first year here. I'm a professional playwright, and basically, I'm developing a festival concept where we start from a basic reading and develop a couple of plays."

For the audience, it's a different sort of opportunity.

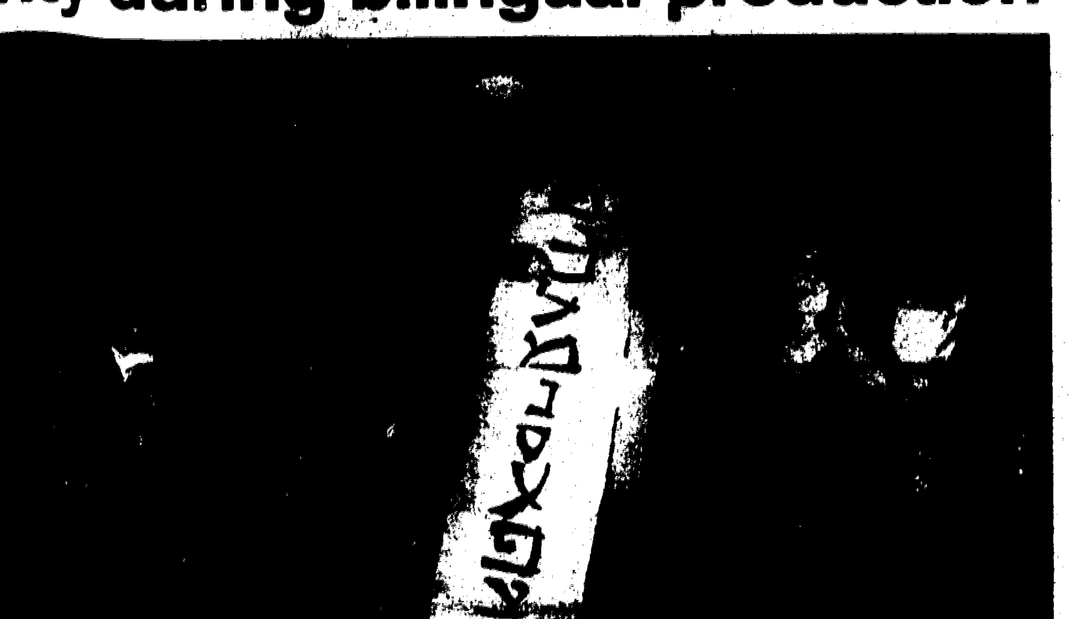
Attendees can listen to readings of plays, with no preconceived notions about the productions, and then offer vital feedback. And when the plays are then produced, they'll be able to see what was changed in order to produce the finished product.

"It's a unique experience for our audience; they see the play in its most raw form. They fill out evaluations forms, they do discussions with the playwrights afterward, and then they can come back and see how it is as a fully-staged reading, as well as a fully-staged production," said Wooten. "They see the full evolution of a play over just a few months. In the readings, you're making the leap to the stage, and the audience is a crucial part of the process."

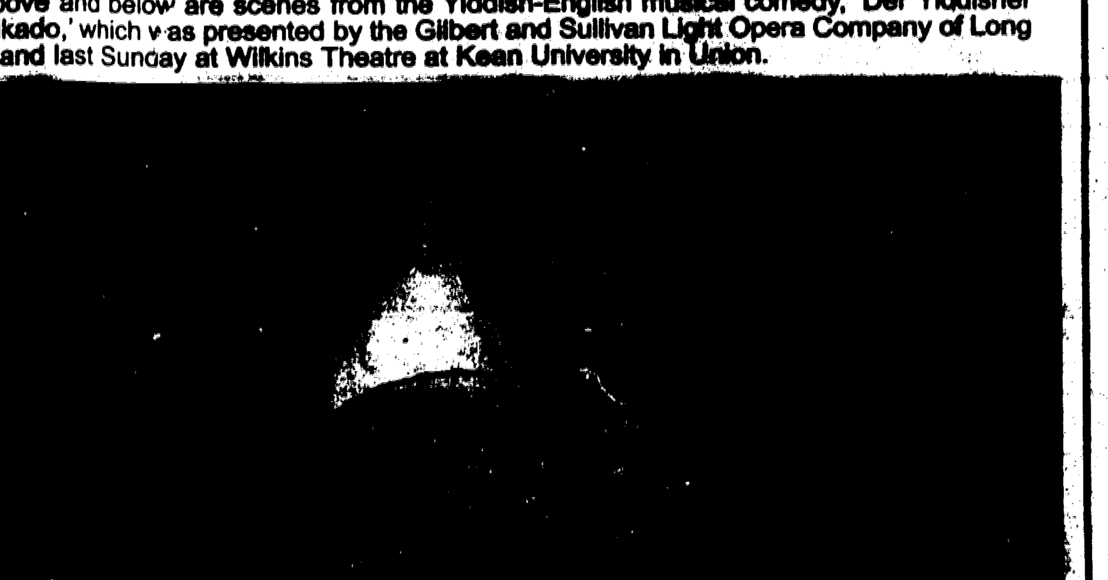
For more information on Premiere Stages at Kean University, or to get on the mailing list, call 908-737-4397, ext. 4-4103.

Laughs aplenty during bilingual production

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer



Above and below are scenes from the Yiddish-English musical comedy, 'Der Yiddisher Mikado,' which was presented by the Gilbert and Sullivan Light Opera Company of Long Island last Sunday at Wilkins Theatre at Kean University in Union.



Annita Fox, president of the Elizabeth Hadassah, can take a dozen bows for instituting all the necessary elements in bringing a wonderful, sometimes hilarious Yiddish stage comedy to the Wilkins Theater at Kean University in Union on Sunday afternoon.

With the collaboration of the Westfield Hadassah and the other chapters and the sponsorship of Kean University and its president, Darwood Farahi, "Der Yiddisher Mikado" brought laughter and joy to a very large audience. This comic operetta, performed by the Gilbert and Sullivan Yiddish Light Opera, in Yiddish and English, is based on "The Mikado" by Gilbert and Sullivan.

It helps if members of the audience are Jewish and understand Yiddish, yet even though some attendees were not familiar with the language and others in the audience weren't even Jewish, everyone seemed to have had a real fun time.

Here are Japanese characters, dressed in their natural attire, enacting the story and singing Gilbert and Sullivan songs in Yiddish. With merely a piano on stage, and one of the actors pounding on a drum, the musical is entertaining and very touching, and very funny.

The story is of Yanki-Pu, son of Der Mikado, who has fled the royal court to avoid marrying the unattractive Khane-Pesl, and who comes to a small town to seek the woman he loves, Tsipe-Tsviele. He is disguised as a wandering minstrel, and discovers that Tsipe-Tsviele is to marry her guardian, Khay-Shpay, a poor tailor, who has been appointed lord high executioner. However, he doesn't have the heart to behead anyone. He is forced to choose, for soon Der Mikado, the ruler, will arrive.

What follows is a mish-mash of slapstick events. In the meantime, everyone sings and dances and has a good time. There even is one scene where the characters and audience interact in a kind of sing-along.

The performers have excellent voices and they're brought out under the musical direction of Ruth Nodiff. The lovely Arlene Kane does a fine *job of directing; she also has the lead*ing role of Tsipe-Tsviele, the bride. Jacob Feldman is convincing as Yanki-Pu, and the others are especially good, including Marty Geller, Marty Fuller in the title role, Rachael Krinsky, Hope Saravis and Linda Geller. The funniest characters, who really bring down the house in laughter and applause, are Neil Powers as Khay-Shpay and Bob Tartell as [illegible].

The hilarious translation of "The Mikado" into Yiddish was done by Miriam Walowit, with additional lyrics by Al Grand, who also collaborated on the adaptation and language direction.

"Der Yiddisher Mikado" was staged at the Wilkins Theater 10 years ago. The audience was enthusiastic, but this production was an over*whelming success. At the conclusion* on Sunday afternoon, Fox took to the stage and offered her gratitude to all the participants, and especially the Hadassah organization itself. She proudly announced that the Hadassah Medical Organization was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize — which added more incentive and more applause for the performers and for the organization.

It will be interesting to see if "Der Yiddisher Mikado" has to wait another decade before being staged once more at the Wilkins Theater at Kean University.

Poor script, topic make for awkward comedy

By Ruth Ross
Correspondent

If the very thought of identity theft makes your blood run cold, imagine the havoc the act could wreak on people who are psychologically fragile. That's what intrigues Ian Walker in his new comedy, "A Beautiful Home for the Incurable," now receiving its world premiere at Luna Stage in Montclair.

Paul Whelihan's directorial debut reveals a sure hand with actors and material, but the script has several holes in it, and the laughter evoked by a quartet of mentally ill people and one sociopath evokes audience discomfort, to say the least.

The central conflict of the play involves agoraphobic Bunny Temple, whose identity has been stolen by someone who has run up more than $1 million in [illegible], ordered videotapes of [illegible] and hacked into Bunny's computer to learn intimate details of Bunny's life and relationships. Under normal circumstances, most people would report the charges to the bank and/or call the police, but Bunny believes that because the person has paid him back — albeit by opening another credit card to do so — [illegible] big deal. Besides, he is [illegible] vicariously through this person's [illegible]vagant and exotic purchases, [illegible] which he's never [illegible].

When the [illegible] Temple shows up at [illegible] ostensibly to take a survey [illegible] friends" — narcoleptic [illegible] asleep in times of [illegible]ment; Nick, who suffers [illegible]xia, which makes him [illegible] or carry out skilled [illegible] and gestures, despite having [illegible] and the physical ability [illegible] the [illegible], and Madilyn, who [illegible] transient global amnesia [illegible] loss of memory of [illegible] — decide to help him catch the perpetrator. Their bumbling efforts [illegible] the quartet to bond together [illegible] each other, despite their various debilitating ailments.

As the real Bunny, Erik Kever Ryle, used every [illegible] of his body, especially his [illegible] face, to convey the torment of the agoraphobic terrified of leaving his apartment. Dawn Luebbe's Lucy was funny, as befits someone dressed like a clown, but the character was ultimately annoying with her constant questions as to whether she should do the most basic activities, like eat or go to the bathroom. Equally irritating was Nick, played very well by David Sitler as an angry, nasty person, but the one who ultimately comes up with the resolution to Bunny's woes. Madilyn, played by Anne Connolly, was the most enigmatic of the bunch. Because her ailment does not seem to be very debilitating, what she's doing there is unclear. As Bunny's alter-ego, Brian Townes' maniacal look and villainous demeanor conveyed just how dangerous identity theft can be.

Several unexplained events weakened the script. Although she was new to "the group," having been invited at the outset of the play by Bunny, who met her on-line, Madilyn very quickly — too quickly for three misfits who have been friends of long standing — is accepted and jumps whole-hearted-ly into Bunny's predicament. Her propensity to lie is unexplained and totally superfluous to the plot. If she's married, why is she carrying on an on-line chat with Bunny, and where is their relationship going? And how did the original three members get together [illegible].

Despite solid acting and direction, lighting design by Sandy Glickman, costumes by Chelsea Harriman and sound by Joseph [illegible], "A Beautiful Home for the Incurable" is ultimately unsatisfying. [illegible] one thing to [illegible] of people one can identify with, but laughing at [illegible] or [illegible] loses its appeal after about 10 minutes. As a result, one felt more embarrassed than entertained — not the goal of comedy.

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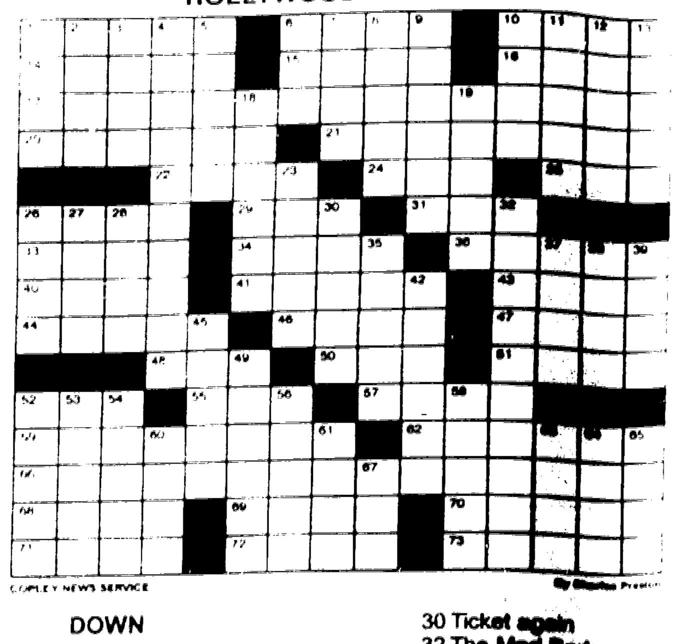

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HOROSCOPES

March 28 to April 3

ARIES, March 21 to April 19: Do not allow fear or self-doubt to undermine your confidence or cause you to second-guess yourself. Make a positive and decisive statement and stick to it.

TAURUS, April 20 to May 20: It is time to clear the decks. As you prepare to make a new start with an artistic or creative project, tie up all of your loose ends.

GEMINI, May 21 to June 21: Communicating with friends or associates can be very exciting and informative. Remain focused and use what you will learn to help you achieve your goals.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22: It is fun to interact on a personal level with your professional peers. Set up a system of networking that includes some form of entertainment.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 22: A gift or talent you have been given is far more valuable than you know. [illegible] develop it and use it in positive and uplifting endeavors.

VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: Your passion for a person or thing runs deep. While in hot pursuit of your desired goal or objective, relax and take time to smell the roses.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: A one-on-one conversation with a friend really lifts your spirits. When feeling down, call on the person who is most supportive and encouraging.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21: Avoid jumping the gun on a job assignment. Allow adequate time to plan or to design a course of action that will get you to the finish line on time.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 to Dec. 21: Social activities will keep you busy this week. Plan a special lunch or dinner with a favorite friend and share your thoughts and feelings.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19: Spend quality time with loved ones and discover if you are all on the same [illegible] feeling of shared [illegible].

AQUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18: Avoid the tendency to daydream your days away. Stay focused and take time to document some of the ideas that will float through your mind.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: Strive to curtail a cash flow problem and make significant gains in the financial arena. Stick to your budget and you are home free.

If your birthday is this week, communication or mental pursuits are highlighted during the coming year. Take steps to enhance or improve your skills in personal expression. Connect with a partner or mate who shares your interests and provides the mental stimulus you crave. This is a happy, harmonious and expansive period in your life. Maintain a degree of moderation and stay centered.

Also born this week: Alec Guinness, Ali MacGraw, Joseph Haydn, Vincent Van Gogh, John Major and [illegible]

REUNIONS

The following schools will conduct reunions in the coming months:
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- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1975, 30-year reunion.
- Union High School, Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, 2005.
- Union High School, Class of 1995, 10-year reunion, 2005.
- Union Hill High School, Class of 1975, 30-year reunion, 2005.
- Union High School, Class of 1976, 30-year reunion, 2006.
- Union High School, Class of 1981, 25-year reunion, 2006.
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[illegible] High School, class of [illegible] reunion on May 20 [illegible] Hotel in Summit. [illegible] at 973-715-[illegible]

[illegible] High School, class of [illegible] 30th reunion at Costa's Restaurant, Roselle Park, on Nov. 26.

Anyone with information about missing classmates may contact Shirley Anne at [illegible] or send an e-mail to [illegible]1975@comcast.net.

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Performance of opera 'Carmen' at NJPAC is lacking in excitement

By Astera Argyris and Helen Argers
Correspondents

On another March, 130 years ago, Georges Bizet's opera, "Carmen," was performed in Paris and died. The audience did not understand its blatant passion, its wild notes, the tragic ending. Three months later, Bizet died in despair over the failure of the work he believed was his masterpiece. Of course, it was a masterpiece. And over the years, "Carmen" has been recognized as a true work of art and Bizet as one of the greatest composers. So why was last week's performance of "Carmen" by the Teatro Lirico D'Europa at New Jersey Performing Arts Center such a slow death dirge?

Every "Carmen" has the same great, reckless crescendo of well-known melodies. Indeed, if you listen to even just an orchestral version of "Carmen," life force is immediately evident in the intensity of the music. So how could this performance have stifled all the life out of this masterpiece?

It was a packed house at the Prudential Hall and everyone was eager to love, to applaud to even stand up and yell "Bravo." But as the conductor began the overture, it sounded as if half his orchestra had called in sick and the rest gave off a tinny and unimposing sound. That boded ill for the performance ahead. The cigarette factory stage set was heavy with brick enclosures that robbed the music of its airy defiance. As for the chorus — what should have been irrepressible cigarette girls and their lovers appeared more like a group of bored passengers waiting to get on to a bus. Throughout, they were positioned in straight lines and used straight-line gestures — such as constantly pointing — with rifles, arms, fans. The wigs were Halloween-like, especially poor Micaela's long blonde braid. The costumes also were of little help to the performers. Mantilla's abounded and flounced — causing Carmen to blend in, when she ought to have stood out. Don Jose appeared short and stodgy in a comical, banana-yellow uniform that made him look more like a Good Humor salesman than a soldier capable of great passion.

But the heart and soul of this opera is its namesake. When Carmen appeared, with the obligatory rose in her bosom, she, sung by mezzo-soprano Kirstin Chavez, looked every inch the temptress Bizet created. Although taller than her co-stars, which might be the reason she went through Act One without shoes, her face was an Angelina Jolie look-alike, her long black hair frizzled about her face and down her back in abandon, and her figure was lithe and sinuous. What could go wrong with such perfect Carmen casting? When Ms. Chavez sang the "Habanera," the aria that teasingly warns all men of the danger of falling in love with her, her voice was well-modulated and though not powerful, was still commanding. But Liubov Metodieva, in the supporting role of Carmen's gypsy friend, Frasquita, had a stronger voice. The good girl, hanging around to be rewarded with a left-over Don Jose, Micaela, was sung well by Veslina Vasileva, who incidentally also had a stronger voice than Carmen. Shouldn't Carmen have knocked all other women off the stage? Not this one. Carmen ought to be the epitome of an independent, reckless woman. She can't keep her day job as a cigarette girl, she fights, she taunts, she almost explodes with the need to be free. In fact, that is the whole key to her character and her death. She sings it: "Carmen will never yield, free she was born, free shall she die."

There's no fire in Chavez's Carmen, just posing. American tenor David Corman, as Don Jose, despite the yellow jacket, had moments when he seemed to realize he should show strains of passion, and he sang in an adequate tenor. Escamillo, the bullfighter, who takes Carmen away from Don Jose, was sung by Vladimir Samsonov, with a loud voice, albeit distractingly nasal, and the correct cocky confidence of a celebrity. In his famed "Toreador Song," the lyrics and, indeed, his occupation reveal that he had, as did Carmen, recklessness to an extreme. Both took a chance on their life: he challenging bulls, she, men. However, neither performer reached that level of daredevil in their delivery of either music or persona.

Yet, the overall failure of this "Carmen" has to be attributed to Giorgio Lalov, artistic director/stage director. His other Teatro Lirico D'Europa performances have been fine and with good pace. Did he not understand the success of "Carmen" is in the breathtaking dare of an aerialist swinging without a net? It is there in the foreboding of the music. The "fate" motif begins in the overture —ominously warning of danger ahead. It is there in the scene when Carmen reads her fortune in the cards and sees Death awaiting her. That scene was Kirstin Chavez's best — she captured the tension and terror. Yet throughout, this opera should be watched with held breath, waiting for the tiger to pounce, the passion to explode, the inevitable climax to strike, but rather the audience was lulled by its almost lackadaisical pace.

A plus was the vivid scene of Carmen's castanets romp with the Ballet Arabesk Flamenco dancers. Another high note was the overture before Act Three when Krassimir Topolov, the conductor, led a pastoral melody of flute and harp that entranced with its aching tranquillity, created to serve as a relief from the tension and drama of the rest of the opera, but, unfortunately, neither feeling was generally there. This opera, "Carmen," died a slow, lingering, ho-hum death.

Astera Argyris and Helen Argers are frequent contributors to Worrall Community Newspapers.

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David Corman, as Don Jose, and Kirstin Chavez, as Carmen, in a scene from the opera 'Carmen' at New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

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Orchestra sponsors home tour

The Westfield Symphony orchestra Friends will present the 21st annual Tour of Notable Homes. This event brings together a medley of five prestigious residences, open to the public, on May 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Among New Jersey's most avidly followed home showcases, the Friends' Tour, will wind its way through picturesque and storied neighborhoods of historic Westfield and environs.

The homes featured represent both timeless traditional and modern state-of-the-art architecture which is sure to bring visitors a warm spring welcome.

One residence, located in Westfield's beautiful historic Stoneleigh Park area, offers old and new architecture combined.

Featured in this home is an amazing floating spiral staircase which opens up the traditional center hall colonial, a state-of-the-art home theater with all the bells and whistles and a gorgeous kitchen with modern amenities that leads into a sunken family room.

Many interesting art pieces, including paintings and pottery, are on display, some of which include works by Andy Warhol, Alexander Calder, Jamie Wyeth, Joseph Vyorst, Michael Baxley and Sandra O'Byrne.

"This year's Tour of Notable Homes is sure to bring a level of excitement and curiosity among visitors," said Lee Corcoran co-chairperson of the 2005 home tour.

"The combination of homes represented bring together the best of the old and new with refined tastes and motivational decor which embody the pleasures of hearth and home," said Lisel Perselay, co-chairperson.

There will be a host of activities along the tour, including an extravagant gift basket raffle with luxury items from top tier local merchants, cultural venues and restaurants, a spring blooming plant sale, live music, free refreshments and much more.

All proceeds collected from tour ticket sales and activities will benefit the Westfield Symphony Orchestra, whose ambitious and wide ranging repertoire places it among the top New Jersey symphonies and the state's most precious artistic resources.

The symphony also engages educational outreach programs that touch the lives of thousands of area students through special concerts and master classes.

"Every year the Friends of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra run a spectacular Home Tour which is one of the Symphony's largest fund-rasiers," said Norman L. Luka, president of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra board of trustees.

"The home tour makes it possible for us to offer important educational outreach programs while bringing the highest quality classical music to audiences."

Tickets for the 2005 home tour are $25 in advance and $30 the day of the tour.

The tour is self-guided with addresses for the featured homes printed on the tickets, and a Tour of Notable Homes map is also provided.

Tickets will be available for sale at a variety of Westfield-area businesses.

For more information on the Tour of Notable Homes or a schedule of symphony events, call the Westfield Symphony Orchestra at 908-232-9400 or visit www.westfieldsymphony.com

HAVE A BITE —From left, David Sitler and Eric Kever Ryle star in 'A Beautiful Home for the Incurable' by Ian Walker, which is at Luna Stage in Montclair through April 10. See page B3 for the story.

Jeff Cummins, Editor

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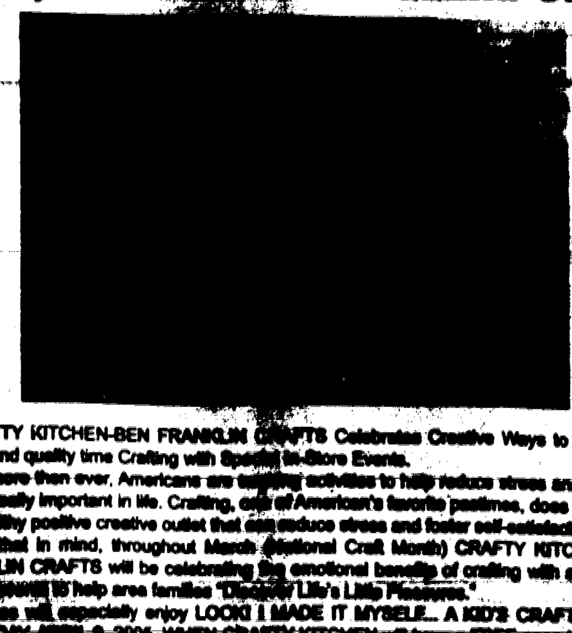

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...Now more than ever, Americans are turning to activities to help reduce stress and focus on what's really important in life. Crafting, one of America's favorite pastimes, does just that! It is a healthy positive creative outlet that can reduce stress and foster self-satisfaction. With that in mind, throughout March (National Craft Month) CRAFTY KITCHEN-BEN FRANKLIN CRAFTS will be celebrating the emotional benefits of crafting with a variety of... to help area families "Discover Life's Little Pleasures." ...will especially enjoy LOOK! I MADE IT MYSELF... A KID'S CRAFT DAY, ON SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2005, WHEN CRAFTY KITCHEN will have a FREE open house from ... to 4:30pm where kid's (or if an adult would like to be a kid for a day), can make a variety of projects to take home with them. Throughout the month we will have a variety of events going on, so stop in the shop and pick up a calendar. One of our special events will be a demonstration on Imperial Wallcoverings, INSTANT STENCILS, A handpainted look without the paint. As easy as 1-2-3.

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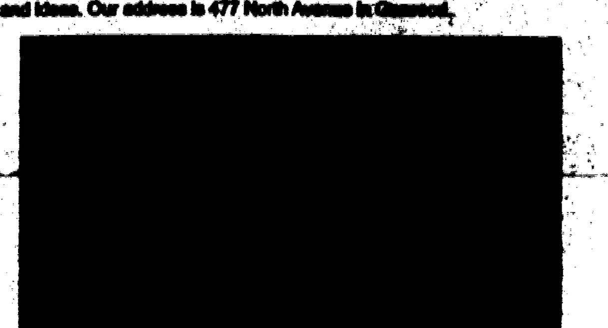

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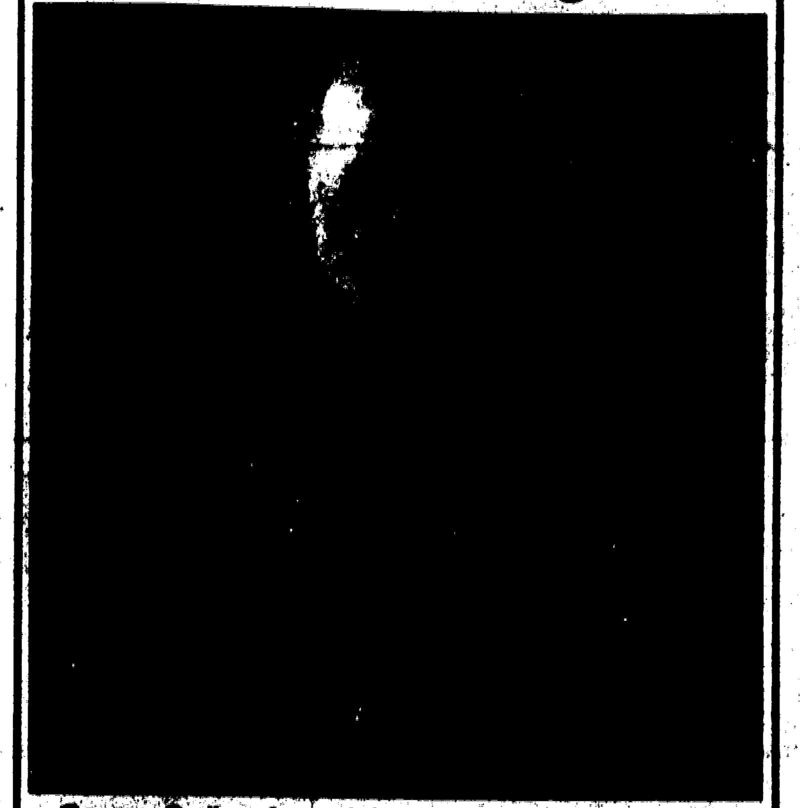
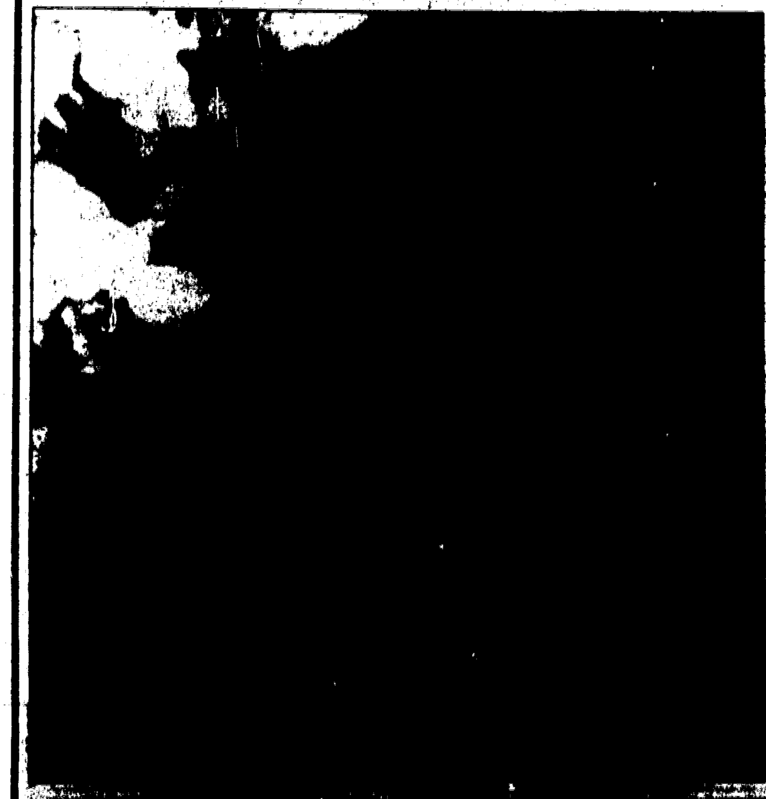


George Carlin, above, brings his edgy comedy to the Union County Arts Center on April 6 for two shows, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Below, Dianne Reeves brings her strong voice to the Arts Center on April 23 at 8 p.m. For tickets or information on both shows call 732-499-8266.



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ART SHOWS

AN EXHIBIT OF BLACK-AND-WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS highlighting the accomplishments of 15 Union County women who have made significant contributions to the local, national and global community, "Moving Forward: Notable Women of Union County," is on view at the Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Elizabeth, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The show runs through March 31. For information about the photo exhibit, or to request an application to nominate additional notable women, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202. Call 908-558-550. NJ Relay users, dial 711. E-mail may be sent to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

AN EXHIBIT OF WORKS BY LINDA KOLAR will be featured at the Westfield Art Gallery through March. The exhibit will be a showing of oil portraits and landscapes. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The gallery occupies the first floor of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, at 150-152 E. Broad St., Westfield. Call 908-789-9696 for further information.

"EIGHT PHOTOGRAPHERS YOUNG AND UNDERKNOWN" will be featured at The Arts Guild of Rahway through April 15. The art exhibit will begin with a reception on Friday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is free and appointments are available for school visits and large groups. Gallery hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. and Thursday, 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For appointments or information, call 732-381-7511 or send an e-mail to artsguild1670@earthlink.net or visit the Web site, www.rahwayartsguild.org.

AUDITIONS

THE STROLLERS will be holding auditions for "Arsenic and Old Lace," directed Sherrie Cleary, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, with callbacks on March 31. Performance dates are May 13, 14, 15, 20 and 21. Burgdorff Cultural Center, 10 Durand Road, Maplewood. For directions, visit the Web site, www.thestrollers.org.

NJPAC AND THE WESTFIELD YOUNG ARTISTS COOPERATIVE THEATRE will join forces to present the classic Broadway musical comedy, "Guys and Dolls." Auditions for the cast will be held on April 3 and 9, with final callbacks on April 16. The show premiers on July 15 and continues through July 24. For more information, call WYACY at 908-233-3200. Tickets go on sale Friday, and may be purchased by calling 800-466-5722.

BOOKS

THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK GROUP will meet at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-6544.

THE "LORD OF THE RINGS" READING GROUP meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

KEAN UNIVERSITY'S OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS and *The Star-Ledger* have partnered to publish a new book titled "World of Wonder: Exploring the Realms of History, Science, Nature and Technology." The book brings together 90 of the most fascinating subjects surveyed by the World of Wonder series. The book is now available for purchase in the Kean University book store and on the Web site of *The Star-Ledger* at http://www.nj.com/worldofwonder.

TIMOTHY BEHR will sign copies of his book, "Retro Boomers," at the Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St. in Westfield on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information, call 908-233-3535.

ROBERT AMOROSO will sign copies of his book, "Journey," at the Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St. in Westfield, on April 2 from 3 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 908-233-3535.

BERNARD SEIF will sign copies of his book, "Morning Prayer," at the Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St. in Westfield, on April 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 908-233-3535.

JEAN HANFF KORELITZ will sign copies of her book, "The [illegible] Rose: A Novel," at the Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St. in Westfield on April [illegible] from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 908-233-3535.

CLASS

THE DUCRET SCHOOL OF ART is located at 1030 Central Ave. in Plainfield, situated on a seven-acre [illegible] in a historic residential area of Plainfield. The school offers full-time and part-time day and evening classes in fine art, graphic design/computer graphics and illustration.

For information about the spring term call 908-757-7171, fax 908-757-2626, or visit the Web site at www.duCret.edu for details.

CONCERTS

SANCTUARY CONCERTS in Berkeley Heights will present musical acts in the coming weeks.

Concerts are presented at Union Village Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights. For more information, call 973-376-4946, or visit the Web site, www.sanctuaryconcerts.org.

MEET THE ORCHESTRA concert series continues at the Suburban Community Music Center, 570 Central Ave., Murray Hill. For the 18th year, the Suburban Community Music Center, in cooperation with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, will host the Meet the Orchestra series for children ages 3 to 8.

For more information, call 908-790-0700.

DIANNE REEVES will perform at 8 p.m. on April 23 at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

For information, call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site, www.ucac.org. Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway.

WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will perform at the Union County Arts Center on April 9 at 8 p.m.

For information call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site, www.ucac.org. Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway.

SOUTHSIDE JOHNNY AND THE ASBURY JUKES will perform at the Union County Arts Center on April 16 at 8 p.m.

For information, call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site, www.ucac.org. Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway.

DESOL will perform at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on May 7 at 8 p.m.

For information, call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site, www.ucac.org. Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway.

THE WATCHUNG ART CENTER ACOUSTIC-FOLK SERIES has begun at Watchung Art Center, 18 Sterling Road, Watchung. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is $15. For information and reservations, call 908-753-0[illegible] or send an e-mail to WACenter@aol.com.

Visit the Web site, http://www.watchungarts.org/AF[illegible]

The following artists will perform part of the Watchung Art Acoustic-Folk Series:

April 2 Bob Malone.
May 7 John Flynn.
June 4 Dave's True Story.

THE COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE CONCERT SERIES OF SPRINGFIELD will take place at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, Church Mall, Springfield. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., shows start at [illegible] Admission is $14. For information and reservations, call 908-522-1[illegible] send an e-mail concerts4causes@aol.com. Also visit the Web site, http://www.co[illegible]conscience.com.

The next show is May 14 [illegible] Schecter & Friends.

THE SECOND SATURDAY COFFEEHOUSE SERIES will be at [illegible] Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. shows start at 8 p.m.

Admission is $14. For information and reservations call 908-928-0127 or send an e-mail to info@secondsaturdays.org.

The next show is April 9, Amy Carol Webb.

Sign-up is at 7:30 p.m. and the shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is $4.

THE COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE CONCERT SERIES OF WESTFIELD will take place at First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 East Broad St., Westfield.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m., shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is $14.

For information and reservations, call 908-522-1501 or send an e-mail to concerts4causes@aol.com.

Also, visit the Web site, http://www.coffeewithconscience.com.

Upcoming shows are
April 16, Lowen & Navarro.
May 21, the Kennedys.
June 18, the Dreamsicles.

CROSSROADS IN GARFIELD will feature the following acts in March:
Every Monday Open Mic Night.
Every Tuesday Jazz Jam.
Every Wednesday Karaoke Night.

JOHN GORKA returns to the [illegible] play Sanctuary Concerts at the Union Village Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights on April 1. Tickets for this concert can be purchased online at www.sanctuaryconcerts.org.

LEGENDARY FOLKSINGER TOM PAXTON will perform with special guest, Voxology in a Sanctuary Concert at the Union Village Methodist Church on April [illegible] p.m. The church is located at [illegible] Mountain Ave. in Berkeley Heights. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased online at www.sanctuaryconcerts.org. Admission price includes dessert and coffee at intermission. For additional information, call 973-376-494[illegible].

WORLD-CLASS VIOLINISTS, join forces with piano, bass, drums, guitar, [illegible] cello and take on the stage by storm. They also step dance, tap dance and march in precise formations during "Bowfire," which takes place on April 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Wilkins Theatre at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For more information, call the box office at 908-737-7469, or visit the Web site, www.wilkinstheatre.com.

BROADWAY BABES AND BABIES lend their talents in "Leading Ladies & Friends," a tribute to musical theater's greatest women in song. Kean students Jennifer Vaughn and Kristen Bussiere appear in three performances, April 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m., and April 24 at 3 p.m. at Wilkins Theatre at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For more information, call the box office at 908-737-7469, or visit the Web site, www.wilkinstheatre.com.

DANCE

Y-SQUARES, a local square dance club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Frank K. Hehnly School, Raritan Road, Clark. The fee for each lesson is $4. For information, call 908-298-1851.

That Shore sound

Southside Johnny will perform with his band Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on April 16 at 8 p.m. For information, or for tickets, call the box office at 732-499-8226.

732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492.

THE SUMMIT INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS has begun a new season with sessions on Fridays at 8 p.m. at the Connection, Morris Ave. at Maple St., in Summit. Beginners are welcome, no partners are needed. All sessions begin at 8 p.m.; newcomers may arrive at 7:30 for extra help. Admission is $2 for the evening. Call 973-467-8278 for information and a flier listing the season schedule.

KEAN DANCE THEATRE will present its annual spring dance concert, Dimensions of Dance, on April 1 and 2 at 8 p.m., and on April 3, at 3 p.m., at Kean University's Wilkins Theatre, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Tickets are $8 for the public; $7 for seniors and alumni, and $6 for students and children. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call the Wilkins Theatre Box Office at 908-377-7469.

THE ALBORADA SPANISH DANCE THEATER COMPANY and special guests bring the hot passion of Iberian dance to life in "Fuego!" on April 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Wilkins Theatre at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For more information, call the box office at 908-737-7469, or visit the Web site, www.wilkinstheatre.com.

DISCUSSION

THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS invites local nonprofit organizations, individual artists and [illegible] to apply for funding from the Union County HEART — History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands — grant program. To request HEART Grant information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202; call 908-558-2550, Relay users dial 711; or send inquiries via e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

KEAN UNIVERSITY continues its new [illegible] class and lecture series titled Premiere Artists with a visit from Lee Blessing, Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-nominated playwright, on Friday at noon in Hutchinson Hall, Room J-100, Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Admission is free. For more information or to R.S.V.P. for the Lee Blessing lecture, contact John Wooten, producing artistic director, Premiere Stages, at jwooten@kean.edu or at 908-737-4360.

HOBBIES

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC. meets at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union, behind Home Depot on Route 22 East. The club is open to the public Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

For information, call 908-964-9724 or 908-964-8808, send inquiries via e-mail to TMRCInc@aol.com or visit the Web site at www.tmrci.com.

THE HARVEST QUILTERS OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY will meet the first Monday of each month at Cozy Corner Creations quilt shop, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

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THE INTERNET LOUNGE, 256 South Ave., Fanwood, hosts an Open Mic/Karaoke Night on Sundays at 7 p.m. Join the group for a cup of gourmet coffee and a wide variety of organic foods and participate in an original poetry reading, a stand-up comedy routine or a musical number. There's no cover charge, and patrons can come in, make new friends, surf the Web, or play a game of Diablo2, NeverWinterNights, WarCraft or Counter-Strike. To ask about a schedule of events, call 908-490-1234 or visit its Web site: www.theinternetlounge.com.

JAZZ

LANA'S RESTAURANT will offer dinner and live jazz with Warren Vache every Thursday, beginning at 7 p.m. For information, call 732-669-9024.

KIDS

TALES FOR TOTS PRESCHOOL STORYTIME will be offered at Barnes and Noble, Route 22 West, Springfield, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544.

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-241-5758.

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INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is $2.

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SOCIAL SINGLES DANCING, for 45-year-olds and older, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Yankee Buffet Grand Ballroom, 2660 Morris Ave., Union. Admission is $7. For information, call 908-688-8816.

THEATER

THE WILKINS THEATRE will present "Big River," a musical based on Mark Twain's story of Huck Finn in the deep south of pre-Civil War America. Performances are on April 22, 23 and 29, and May 6 and 7, at 8 p.m. For further information, call 908-484-8887.

VARIETY

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mic Night every Thursday night, a disc jockey every Friday night and solo artists and bands on Saturdays. Happy Hour is 4 to 7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, with $1 drafts and $3 Long Island iced teas. Mondays are Mexican Mondays with $2 shot specials, $2 Coronas, $2 margaritas and $1 tacos. Wednesdays are Ladies Nights and karaoke.

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SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEEHOUSE will take place the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Featured will be an "open mic" forum of music, poetry, comedy and performance art. Refreshments are served. Admission is $4. Talent is sought for future dates.

For information, call 908-928-0127 or send an e-mail to info@secondsaturdays.org.

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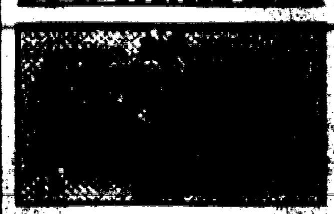

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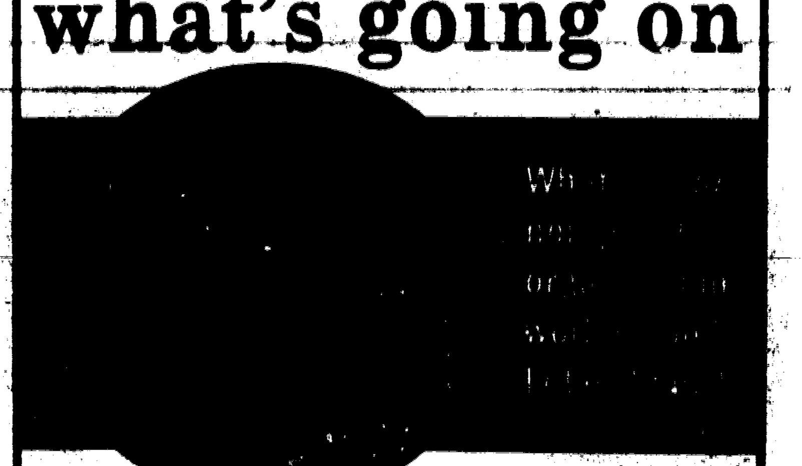

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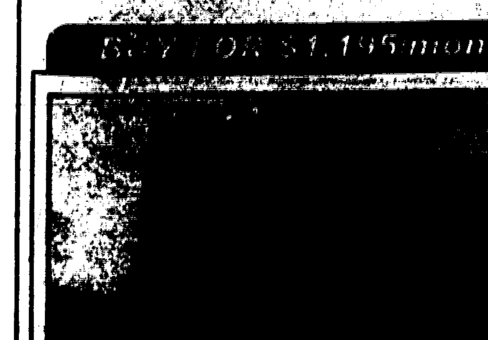

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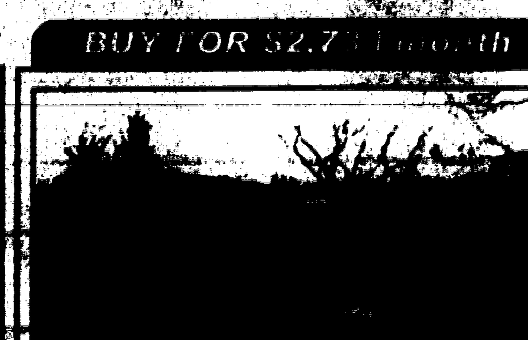

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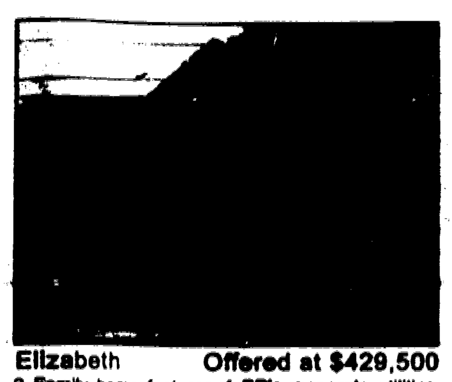

Elizabeth **Offered at $429,500**
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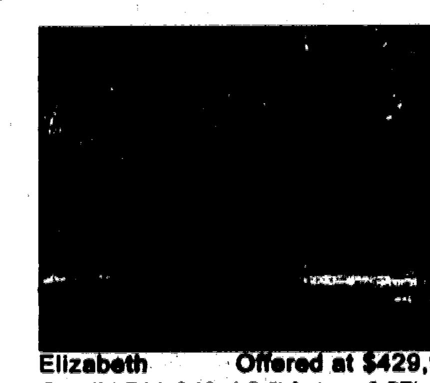

Elizabeth **Offered at $429,900**
Beautiful Brick & Vinyl Split features 3 BR's, 1.1 baths, FPL in den, country kitchen w/corian counters & oak cabinets, newer full bath & roof & private yard
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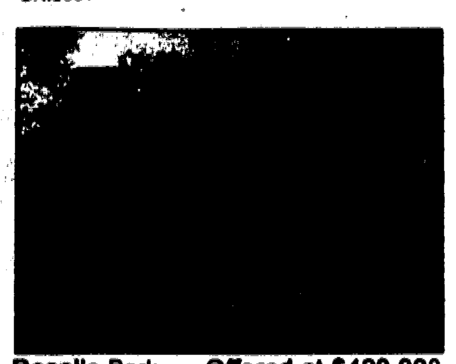

Roselle Park **Offered at $429,900**
Beautiful 4 BR all brick Bi-Level features many updates including kit w/ceramic flr. Ground level offers summer kit, bedroom, full bath & fam rm. Possible home office use.
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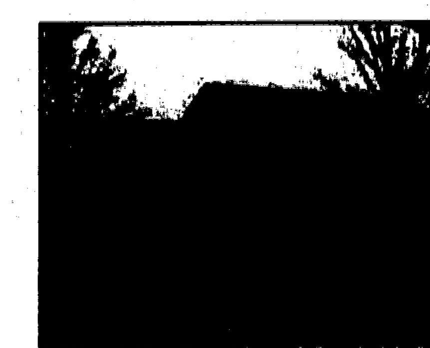

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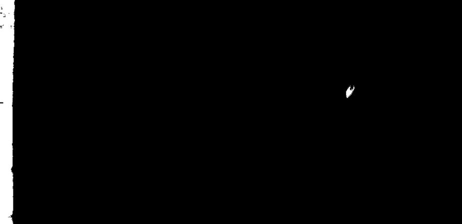

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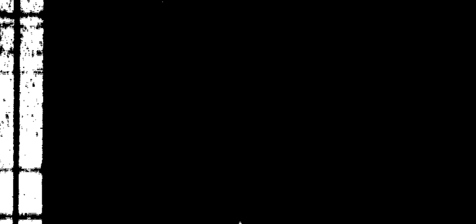
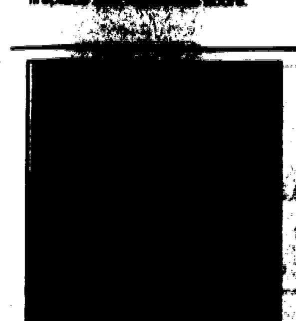


Great ... neighborhood ... Lovely Split Level offers a Living Room ... fireplace, Formal Dining Room, Kitchen that opens to a ... Room, 3 good sized Bedrooms, updated full bath, ... and attached garage. Walk to town, NYC train and ...



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Great ... Charming ... for this 4 Bedroom, 2 full bath Cape. Updated with Jacuzzi tubs and Pergo floors, this lovely home has a deep lot and 2-car garage and carport!

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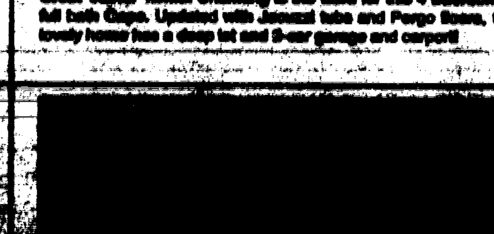

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

O'Neill, Culnen honored by Weichert in Summit

Two sales associates in Weichert Realtors' Summit Office received the office's top awards in January. Danna Steck, branch manager, made the announcement.

Marilena O'Neill was named top sales associate, in addition to earning awards for generating top revenue units and top dollar volume in the office.

Pat Culnen earned the award for top listing associate in January. Culnen is a member of Weichert's 2003 Million Dollar Sales Club.

These and the other fine associates of Weichert's Summit Office can be reached for real estate transactions at 908-277-1200. The office is located at 474 Morris Ave.

Circle of Excellence, Gold level, to Bataille

Sales associate Elizabeth Bataille from the Burgdorff ERA Westfield office recently earned the New Jersey Association of Realtors Circle of Excellence Sales Award, Gold, for production of more than $15 million and 25 units minimum in 2004.

Bataille previously earned membership to the NJAR Circle of Excellence Sales Silver Level in 1997-2003, and to the Bronze Level in 1989-1996. A current member of the President's Elite, Bataille has also been a member of the prestigious Burgdorff ERA President's Council. Including only the top 17 sales associates out of Burgdorff's more than 700-member sales force, the Burgdorff ERA President's Council is the company's highest and most distinguished honor. Bataille was also a member of Burgdorff ERA's Leaders Circle.

Bataille has always demonstrated outstanding professionalism and in-depth market knowledge. She is a top agent in the Westfield office and continues to receive numerous office sales and listing awards.

"Elizabeth's professionalism and integrity are matched only by her dedication to her clients," said George Kraus, vice president and manager of the Burgdorff ERA Westfield office. "This commitment to excellence has been at the foundation of her extraordinary career, and I consider it an honor to have her as part of Burgdorff ERA."

Bataille can be reached by phone at 908-518-5294, by e-mail at elizabeth-bataille@burgdorff.com, by visiting the Burgdorff ERA Westfield office located at 600 North Ave West.

Kuchinski now at RE/MAX Allied Realty

RE/MAX Allied Realty announces that Paul Kuchinski has joined the office as a sales associate. Kuchinski specializes in the listing and sale of luxury homes and condos in Essex, Union, and Somerset counties.

"Being a part of RE/MAX will take my career to the next level," said Kuchinski. "I plan on taking full advantage of the valuable programs and services that are offered to me through RE/MAX."

Kuchinski currently resides in Branchburg, and can be contacted by calling RE/MAX Allied Realty at 908-654-7776, or by logging on to his Web site, www.pkuchinski.remax-nj.com.

Seven earn distinction at Weichert in Union

Robert Spillane, branch manager of Weichert Realtors' Union Office, has announced that seven sales associates were honored for their outstanding office achievements in January.

Jeff Cagide earned the award for top listings sold.

Angie Gonzalez was honored for generating top dollar volume in the office.

Thao Ho earned the office's award for top sales associate in January.

Lannie Ohayon earned the award for top marketed listings. Ohayon is a member of Weichert's 2003 Million Dollar Marketed Club.

Raul Ponce earned the award for top revenue units during January.

Elsa Ricardo was honored for earning top listings in the office for the month.

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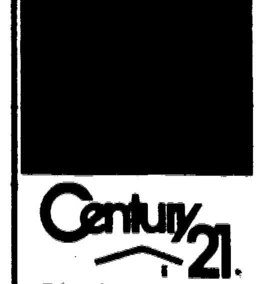
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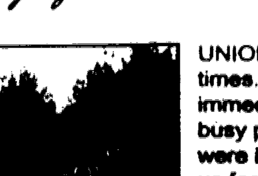
Thank you Jill Guzman



UNION-Jill Guzman was there for me at all times. Whenever we called, our calls were immediately returned. Although she is a very busy person, she never made us feel like we were intruding on her time. In fact, she made us feel like we were the only clients in the world. Along with her agents, Gloria Soto and Melanie De Bella, our home was sold and we are now living in our beautiful new home. Thank you Jill, Gloria and Melanie. This home was listed by Jill Guzman and sold by Gloria Soto and Melanie De Bella of Jill Guzman Realty, Inc.

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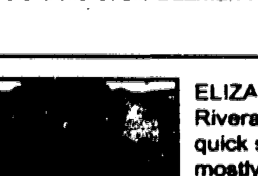

ELIZABETH-We would love to thank Maria Rivera and Fabian Cabezas for the wonderful, quick service in helping selling our home. But mostly we want to thank Jill Guzman Realty, Inc. for the hospitality and friendly customer service given from start to finish.

Domingo & Beatriz Santos

ELIZABETH
Dear Jill:
It was great working with you and your team. The quality of service that you provided was far superior to any other Realtor I have ever know - and I've known a lot. I had previously worked with other companies whose names are well known, nationwide, and it was not until I worked with your office that I found out what a true Realtor is. Thank you Melanie De Bella, Gloria Soto and Jill Guzman.

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Weekly Mortgage News

McLean, VA – Freddie Mac (NYSE:FRE) today released the results of its Primary Mortgage Market Survey in which the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 5.74 percent, with an average 0.6 point, for the week ending January 13, 2005, down from last week when it averaged 5.77 percent. Last year at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 5.66 percent.

The average for the 15-year FRM this week is 5.19 percent, with an average 0.6 points, down from last week when it averaged 5.21 percent. A year ago, the 15-year FRM averaged 4.97 percent.

Five-Year Treasury-indexed hybrid adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) averaged 5.05 percent this week, with an average 0.5 points. Last week, the five-year ARM averaged 5.03 percent.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 4.10 percent this week, with an average 0.6 point, unchanged from last week. At this time last year, the one-year ARM averaged 3.62 percent.

(Average commitment rates should be reported along with average fees and points to reflect the total cost of obtaining the mortgage.)

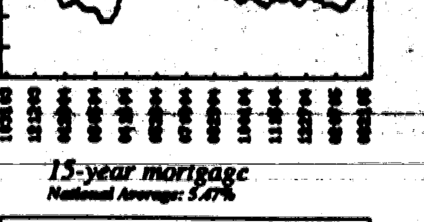
"The onset of 2005 holds well for the housing industry. Long-term mortgage rates are currently below six percent. Although we expect mortgage rates to end the year a bit higher, they will provide a historic value to borrowers considering how over the past thirty years fixed rate mortgages have averaged about 9.5 percent," said Freddie Mac Deputy Chief Economist Amy Crews Cutts.

"One wrinkle in our forecast would be the emergence of unexpected inflation. At the end of this week and next, new inflation indicators will be released for the month of December. As it stands now, the market expects these releases to be tame. If not, mortgage rates will rise more quickly in response," added Crews Cutts.

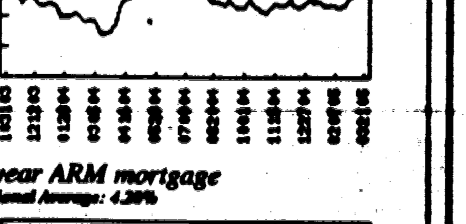
Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation established by Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders in support of homeownership and rental housing. Freddie Mac purchases mortgages from lenders and packages them into securities that are sold to investors. Over the years, Freddie Mac has made home possible for one in six homebuyers in America.

National Averages

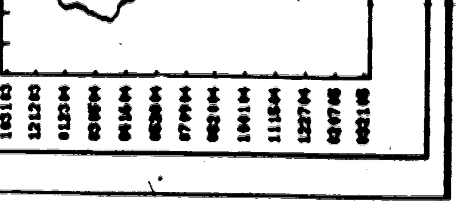
30-year mortgage
National Average: 5.95%



15-year mortgage
National Average: 5.47%



1-year ARM mortgage
National Average: 4.20%



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Your mechanic cannot guarantee a diagnosis of intermittent problems. For example, suppose your car has a problem in which, once in awhile, when you come to a stop sign, the engine dies. You put it in park and start it back up and it keeps running just fine. Over the next 10 to 20 days of driving and the next 10 to 50 stops, the engine behaves itself and doesn't stall. Yet, just when you think that your car has somehow fixed itself, it dies again at a stop sign. Curses!

The problem is really starting to annoy you, so you take it in and leave it with me, your mechanic, with instructions to make sure it is fixed before I give it back to you. Now your cars problem has become my problem. I start by test driving the car with you and stop the car several times. The car keeps running just fine at each stop. It's obvious to both of us that the problem qualifies as an intermittent problem. You leave the car with me and I go to work. I spend a couple of hours checking and find several things wrong. You have a cracked windshield, a tire that is just about ready to burst, an intake hose that is cracked and a bad diode in the alternator.

Now, its obvious that the cracked windshield is a problem and that the tire should be replaced, but we both know that, even though these are problems that should be fixed, fixing them will not solve that stalling at stop signs problem.

The cracked intake hose and the bad diode are things that could cause your car to stall at idle. We have one big problem with this logic: If the cracked hose or the diode is the cause of your stalling problem, why isn't the car stalling for me right now?

I call you up, tell you what I have found, and recommend replacing the hose and alternator, but caution you that fixing these two problems may not solve your stalling problem. The only way either of us could know if replacing these things fixed your stalling problem is for one of us to drive the car for 20 days, because that's how long you say the car has gone without stalling.

At this point, the customer shows frustration. Here I am, the professional mechanic, telling my customer that I suggest spending hard-earned money fixing two things that, even though they test bad, are obviously not causing any problems right now and, on top of that, I am not willing to promise that fixing them is going to cure the car of stalling.

Sometimes a customer will offer to help me in diagnosing the car. Could it be my fuel pump? I know that a co-worker suggested this one, because the co-worker had a similar problem and it turned out to be the fuel pump. My answer to the could it be is yes. It could be that. Once in awhile, the car's fuel pump quits pumping when it comes to stop sign and causes the engine to stall. My question back is, If your fuel pump is bad, why isn't the car stalling for me right now?

Now, there are exotic tests that I can do on the fuel pump, such as an amperage draw and oscilloscope wave pattern tests. These tests take considerable time, which is money. Even if the test [illegible] the fuel pump is bad, we still will be back in the same predicament as with the cracked hose and the diode. If the pump test bad, why isn't the car stalling right now?

The bottom line is that your mechanic cannot promise to fix an intermittent problem. Sometimes we can be fairly sure that what we find will fix the problem, but we seldom can be absolutely sure. And, sometimes, we can find absolutely nothing wrong with your car. As you can see, intermittent problems can put a real strain on your relationship with your mechanic.

I think it is imperative that, anytime you're dealing with an intermittent problem, your mechanic should explain before you leave your car with him that he offers no guarantee to find and/or fix the problem. If you agree to these terms, then you have a responsibility not to hold him responsible if what he suggest ends up not curing the problem; and, if he can find nothing wrong, you still have to pay him for his time trying.

If you don't like the idea of paying lots of money for testing and repairs, with absolutely no guarantee up front that your car's problem will be solved, then don't leave your car with that mechanic. You might be able to find another mechanic who is willing to guarantee to find and fix your car's problem but, personally, I think that any mechanic who is willing to do so is either a crook or a fool.

Think about it.

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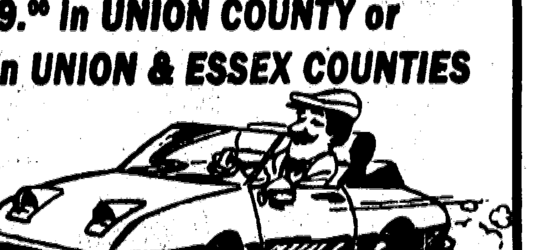
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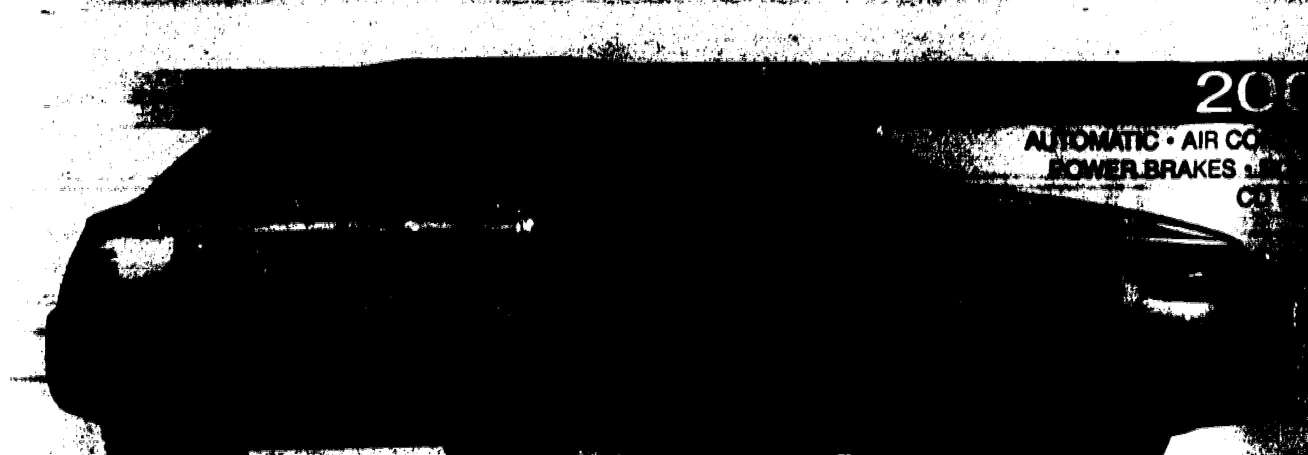
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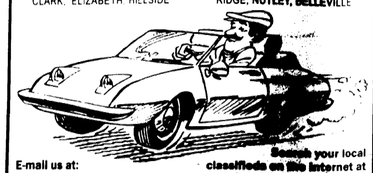

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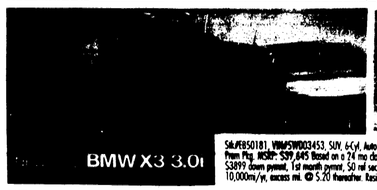

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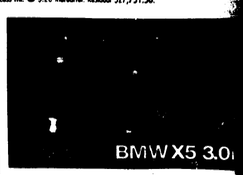

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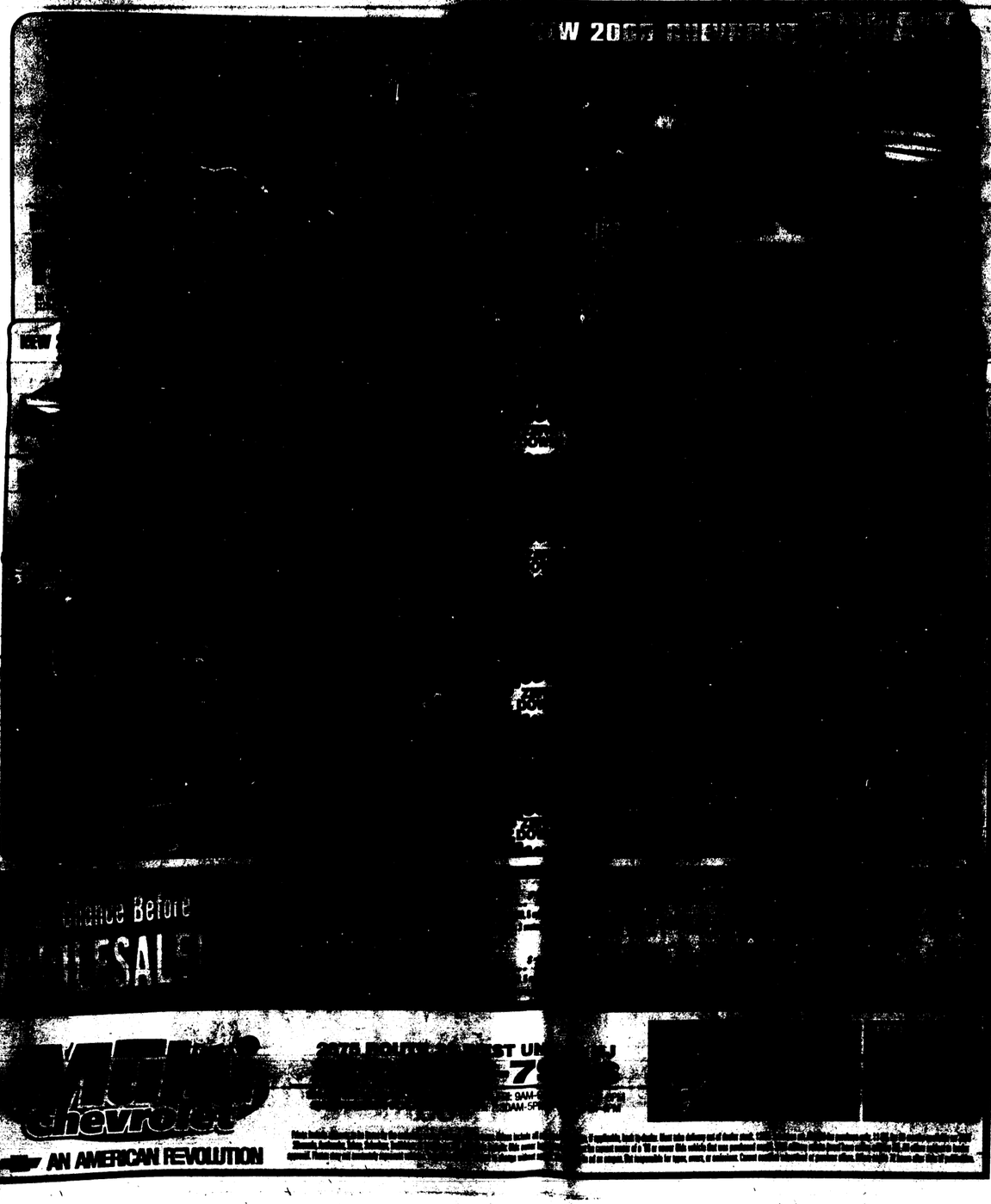

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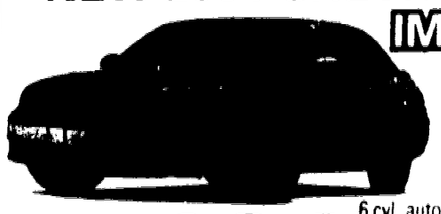

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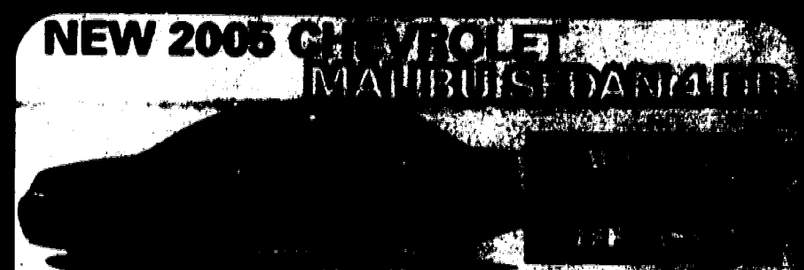

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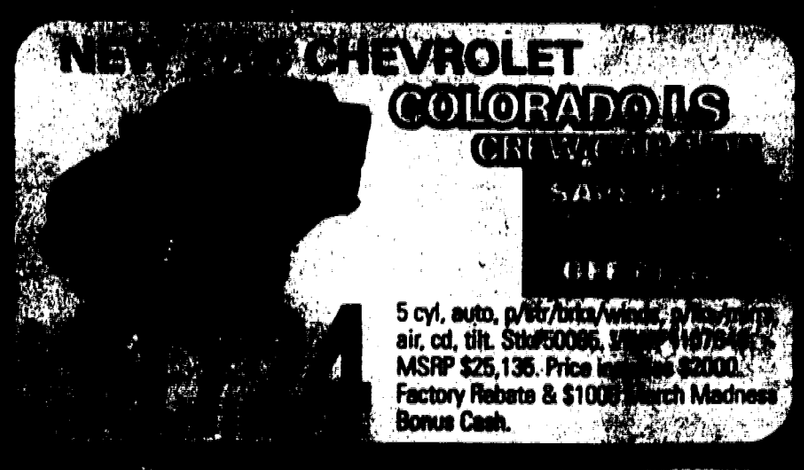

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Assessment of success of Medicare drug discount cards is mixed

Experience with temporary drug cards leads the way to permanent drug benefit

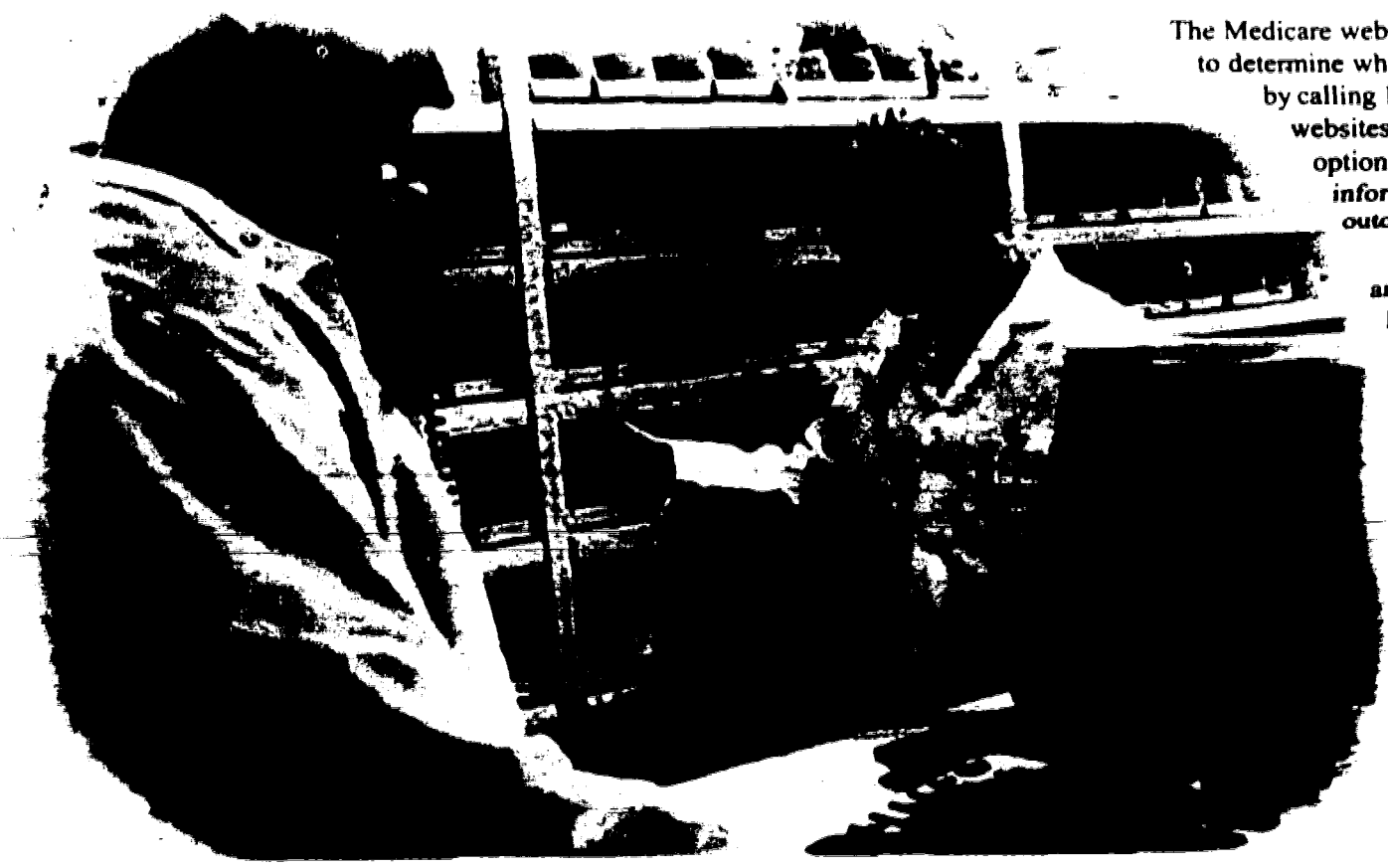
The first major overhaul of Medicare has been underway for nearly a year and whether the changes have accomplished great things for seniors in those months, or imposed a confusing system that offers little real value to the elderly, depends on who is evaluating the changes.

The same division of opinions occurs when the discussion switches to the permanent drug coverage that will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2006. Administration officials and supporters of the changes hail the recently released regulations as potentially a huge savings for financially strapped seniors. Critics complain it is a costly program that threatens to swamp the federal budget while providing little relief for seniors plagued with high drug costs.

Since last June, senior citizens on Medicare have been eligible for discount drug cards to help cut the cost of prescriptions. It was the first major change in Medicare regulations since its inception and represented a hard fought battle by those who for years had been trying to include drug costs in Medicare coverage. At the time, the largest lobbying organization for seniors, the AARP, reluctantly endorsed the changes as a needed first step, although a highly flawed one.

Since then, scores of discount cards have been issued by drug companies, insurance companies and other health-related organizations. The number of cards and variety of drugs covered was one of the main criticisms of the temporary system. Those issuing cards are allowed to change the drugs that are covered and the amount of the discounts, even after people had signed up for them, and all pharmacies do not honor all cards.

However, the system was hailed as a success by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which noted that 5.8 million people signed up. The cards provide discounts on drugs that are typically 20 percent below retail price, although some discounts range up to 75 percent, according to a study conducted by the Kaiser Foundation. Some low income seniors are eligible for an additional $1,200 benefit that covered their initial drug costs for 2004 and 2005.



The Medicare website, www.cms.hhs.gov, has a questionnaire that can be filled out to determine which drug card is best for a person or questions can be answered by calling 1-800-MEDICARE. The AARP and Access to Benefits Coalition websites also have information to try to help seniors sort through the options. Consumers rights groups, such as Families USA, complain the ***information disseminated by Medicare is often wrong, incomplete, outdated or entirely unavailable.***

The most fortunate people may be the New Jersey residents who are part of the state Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) and Senior Gold programs, that provide low cost drugs to eligible seniors.

There was a fear on the part of state officials that the number of cards and the different coverages provided would make New Jerseyans reluctant to apply for the cards, so the state Department of Health and Senior Services contracted with MedCo to provide coverage for those people in the PAAD and Senior Gold programs. For most of the 220,000 people in PAAD, the state benefits under PAAD were better than the Medicare cards could provide, said Cynthia McGettigan, a state government representative in the Division of Senior Benefits and Utilization Management.

For those who were eligible for the additional $1,200 credit, the federal program was better. The state handled the paperwork and

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And We Thought They Were Toys . . .

By John L. Picard

When you come to a fork in the road, take it. — Yogi Berra

Like all 7-year-olds, I was obsessed with my dream for a particular toy. As I awoke and saw the gift wrapping, I knew my dreams had been answered. There it was. A toy named "Mr. Machine." I am not kidding; that really was its name! It was a walking, transparent, plastic robot full of colored cogs and wheels you could assemble yourself. There was even a bright red plastic wrench included!

As I played that morning, I didn't know that it would be the last time I would realize the full potential of a newly acquired technology. From that day forward, every time I acquired new technology, it has been filled with great hopes of productivity and a reality limited by the expectation that I actually read the owner's manual.

However, when you step back, you realize that the impact of technological change is like watching your kids grow . . . hard to see while it is going on, then suddenly everything's a size larger.

Our ability to see and anticipate these changes represents one of the most critical variables in helping our business reach the next stage. Here are some trends to consider:

Technology. Don't think the information revolution has come and gone. We are in the middle of it . . . entering the third phase, the "build-out" phase. This period will move us from "early" technologies (the gee-whiz stuff) to a period of consolidation and redefinition focused on delivering new value, business methods and connections.

Computing. Moore's Law says that every 18 months computing capability/productivity will double. With new materials and the promises of molecular and even quantum computers coming, no one is predicting any reduction in the promises of that law soon.

Demographics. A few years ago, futurists were calling baby boomers the "pig in the python" because the sudden jump in the population numbers looks like the bulge of dinner in a python. Eighty million baby boomers will enter their peak spending and ownership period by 2009. Add to this their changing life expectancy, health and activity and you have a buying demand unparalleled since the Second World War.

These few trends alone will change your business. Here are some anticipated specifics:

1. Long-term impact to the economy and capital markets is very positive, though disruptions will occur locally.

2. Globalization and outsourcing are going to become fundamental and bi-directional. Borders are going to be less important in business.

3. Workforces are going to be redefined and become more hourglass-shaped in terms of management. Different skills will be demanded. Some predict this will be an advantage for the U.S. over Japan and Europe because of its flexibility and work rules.

4. Small and middle-sized businesses will start to see these new technologies and efficiencies adapted and targeted to their types of organizations.

5. The Internet will become more comprehensive, a true two-way web that will move as you do.

6. People skills, creativity and empathy will become more valuable and be competitive advantages.

7. Manufacturing and product development will be redefined as new 3-D "printing" technologies allow "real-time" production of customized products for every business.

8. Technology and communications will become seamless and ubiquitous. Everyone will be connected continually. Virtual "agents" will act as your proxy in getting things done.

Though it may seem like the movie *Minority Report*, these are developing realities. Your business future lies in that new reality. We all need to prepare for a future where when we open wrapped gifts under the tree, we discover "Mr. Machine" was just a toy and there is no bright red wrench to magically adjust our business strategies.

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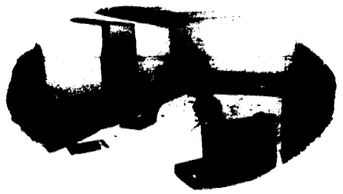

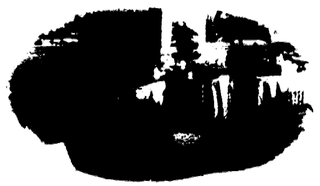

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Protests rising about reduction in hospital charity care

New Jersey hospitals will be devastated by the reduction in state funding earmarked to pay for the care of indigent and uninsured patients that is included in Acting Governor Richard J. Codey's budget that goes into effect July 1, according tohealth care experts.

New Jersey is one of the few states that requires all hospitals to treat patients, whether or not they have insurance or the ability to pay. In exchange for this humanitarian mandate, the state is supposed to reimburse the hospitals for the cost of caring for these patients. However, the state has never paid the entire cost of what is known as charity care and each hospital makes up the difference.

"We will be taking our case to the governor and we will testify at legislative committee hearings to try to assure that the money the hospitals need is there," said Ron Czajkowski, vice president of communications for the New Jersey Hospital Association. "The budget proposes to strip $51 million from the much needed and recently enhanced funding for charity care."

For the fiscal year ending June 30, the state provided $583 million to the 83 acute care hospitals in the state to pay for the care of eligible poor and uninsured patients. That was an increase of $205 million over the previous year, but still did not cover the entire cost for charity care, which is estimated at $800 million or more a year.

"As the number of patients requiring emergency room care increases and the number of inpatient and outpatient visits increase, the money for providing care to the indigent is decreasing," Czajkowski said. "The decrease translates into a 19 percent decrease in real numbers."

Urban hospitals are hit even harder by funding cuts and many will have a difficult time fulfilling their missions in the community if money is not restored to charity care, said Suzanne Ianni, director of the Hospital Alliance of New Jersey, which represents urban hospitals. Ianni said she is disappointed because so much work went into increasing the funding last year that it is a shame to now lose those funds.

"It also means we are losing another $25 in federal matching funds. We will appear before legislative committees and I hope the Legislature will put a high priority on the needs of the hospitals to care for the uninsured," she said.

Hospitals are reimbursed at varying rates depending on a complicated formula, so that some receive closer to 100 percent funding of the formula and others much less, but none are reimbursed for anywhere near the true cost of the care, both association representatives said. Hospitals in New Jersey have for several years been operating at or near a break even point. In 2004 the average profit was 1 percent, although 43 percent of the hospitals operated at a loss, Czajkowski said. The average number has flucuated slightly above and below the break even point for the past five years.

For some, such as Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield, a member of the Solaris Health System nework, the increase obtained last year drastically raised the rate of reimbursement.

"The added money in the current fiscal budget raised our rate of reimbursement from 31 cents on a dollar to 75 cents on a dollar," said Glenn McCreesh, vice president of operations for Solaris Health System. "That was a step in the right direction. Now this year, obviously we want to keep as much of that as possible. I hope we can at least keep all of that funding in place by the time the budget is passed."

Codey has presented his budget proposal to the Legislature, which includes reductions in many programs in a effort to close a growing budget deficit. For the next several months, hearings will be held and budget numbers will be debated before the Legislature presents a revised plan to the governor. The budget must be signed into law by midnight June 30.

"If we could get 100 percent reimbusement for charity care it would help tremendously in enabling us to be a viable part of the community," McCreesh said. "That money would be reinvested back into the hospital in people and equipment. Every dollar that we do not get makes it more difficult."

Union Hospital, part of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, received $1.3 million in charity care reimbursement from the state for the current fiscal year, which translated to about 15 percent of real costs.

"Charity care funding is great because it helps the hospital cover some of its costs, but it does not cover all the costs for the hospital and does not cover any of the doctors' costs," said Charlotte Clark, director of public relations, "so there is a gap. As the uninsured population continues to increase, funds have not kept pace, so it puts the hospital in a tight spot financially."

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Woodlands Nursing Center provides modern care for the elderly

Woodlands Nursing Center is a skilled nursing center located at 1400 Woodland Ave. in Plainfield and operated by Genesis Healthcare. The Woodlands contains 120 beds with half of those being dedicated to sub-acute rehabilitation. Specialized services are available for patients with a diagnosis of dementia and Alzheimer's. In addition, the center has a 20-bed residential unit for customers who live independently with nursing care available.

A comprehensive rehabilitation program is available to all residents of the Woodlands. This includes physical, occupational, and speech therapy. The rehab department emphasizes a holistic approach to rehabilitation, always striving for the highest possible level of functioning.

Families are invited to visit the rehabilitation gymnasium both to observe therapy and to learn how to safely transfer a patient from curbside to car or from bed to bathroom. Therapy goals are functional. For example, when a patient has stairs to climb at home, practice on stairs is given by physical therapy.

Occupational therapy focuses on activities of daily living including dressing, bathing, and cooking. Speech therapy seeks to improve communication skills, as well as to ensure the patient can eat and swallow safely and includes instruction on the most appropriate diet. Whenever possible, the goal of rehab is for the residents to return home to live independently or with families.

Residents of the Woodlands can enjoy a dining experience, rather than cafeteria-style meals. The dining room is decorated, complete with a fireplace and landscaped aquarium. A registered dietician oversees the dining room. Part of the dietician's job is to see that a variety of special diet requirements can be met, which is often critical to the healing process. On admission, each resident meets individually with the dietician to discuss food preferences and special needs.

The recreation department offers a wide variety of activities for residents, including cooking groups, gardening, crafts, painting, sing-a-longs, bingo, and movie and horse racing nights. For a patient who may be bed bound, the recreation department takes its services bedside to meet the individual needs of each resident. A monthly birthday party ensures that every resident's birthday is celebrated and is special.

Recreation includes theme parties, such as western day or holiday events. Musical entertainment is brought in and residents are encouraged to sing and dance along with the entertainers. On one occasion, a strolling violinist entertained the diners at lunchtime and on another, an Elvis impersonator entertained residents and staff and encouraged them to sing along to favorite rock and roll hits.

Residents of Plainfield and surrounding communities often tour the center and meet the staff, who specialize in geriatric care. Regular seminars and in-service training on the topic of aging keep the staff up to date.

Dr. Lauren Bradway, director of rehabilitation, said, "We make every effort to return our patients to their homes. Of course, every resident wants to return home but for some that is not the safest or best alternative. When this is the case, rehab continues to be available to support those who stay with us for long-term care.

"A physiatrist, a doctor specializing in rehabilitation, consults with our rehab team on a weekly basis to ensure that we make the best decisions for each patient, including whether the patient can return home or needs additional care," Bradway added.

Genesis Healthcare operates 40 skilled nursing and assisted living facilities in New Jersey, including Woodlands. Some 6,000 employees provide care daily to more than 5,500 elderly residents. Genesis also provides support services nationwide of medical equipment, pharmaceutical supplies, and home health care.

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Local hospital reaches out to seniors

As the aging population continues to grow nationwide and the number of elderly people living in Union County explodes, Union Hospital is expanding its community programs for seniors to touch the lives of as many senior residents as possible with the maximum number of services. New programs are being combined with ones in existence for years by the community hospital, which is part of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System.

One new community effort involves the residents of two housing units designed for the disabled and seniors, Ehrhart Gardens and Schaefer Gardens.

"We are very proud of this program we started this year in which our nurses go to the two senior complexes once a week," said Jim Masterson, vice president of human resources and community relations for Union Hospital. "They do things like blood pressure screenings and keep the medical files for the person on site. If the resident needs help finding a doctor, the nurses can assist them.

"But the other thing this lets us do is get a pulse on topics we should be addressing, things the residents are concerned about," the hospital administrator said. "For instance, we found that people were concerned about falls and we did a screening to determine who was at risk of falling, which can be a serious hazard for the elderly. The other thing that is nice about our nurses being on site is, if a person cannot come downstairs to the blood pressure screening, the nurse can go to the apartment. It opens a door for us onto what other services people might need."

Another program that is well established, the WISE Adult Social Day Services, has recently been expanded. WISE, which stands for Wellness, Independence and Socialization for our Elders, has provided a place for the elderly and disabled to go during the day so their caregivers can go to work or do other necessary things, since 1983. The program operates on a fee-per-day basis, with grants and reduced charges available for those who qualify.

"Although our participants may have difficulty engaging in social and recreational activities due to physical, cognitive or emotional challenges, they share a common desire to remain within their own homes and communities," said Susan Butler, program director. "Assisted by social workers, activities specialists, nurses and others specially trained in elder care, program participants take part in activities that stimulate and enhance their mental, physical and social skills. Caregivers benefit from the respite provided and gain peace of mind through the knowledge that their loved one is in a safe, secure and supportive environment."

The program has been so popular that it was recently expanded to Saturdays with the help of a grant from the Kraft Employee Fund New Jersey. A caregiver support group is held once a month and a bereavement support group for caregivers was recently created and meets once a month.

For seniors and the disabled who remain in their home, Union Hospital offers the personal emergency response system, which is open to residents of Union County and the surrounding area. A monitor is placed in the home and a transmitter that can be activated at the push of a button is worn by the participant. Pushing the button automatically notifies security personal to summon medical help, who have previously been supplied with necessary medical records. The service requires an installation fee and monthly monitoring fee.

Working with the county board of health the hospital provides flu shots for seniors. The hospital conducts educational and recreational programs such as defensive driving, line dancing and Tai ch'ih. Volunteers organize group trips to local attractions, and a senior supper is held once a month at the hospital.

Volunteer programs sometimes open the door to new activities, such as the crochet and knitting club that was established nearly three years ago by Shirley Heller, a volunteer. The group of mostly elderly women crochet afghans and other articles that are donated to the hospital for use by day patients. They work out of the WISE center once a week and have recently expanded to a second day at the senior center.

"Our members make beautiful blankets that are appreciated by the patients and it also gives us a chance to socialize. People come and go as they want and you do not have to know how to crochet. We will teach you. We had one man attend for awhile, and we are open to anyone, men or women. If someone does not show up we always check on them. We are a melting pot of races and cultures," Heller said. Anyone interested in joining the group can call Heller at the WISE center at 908-687-2995.

Verizon

Telephone service is more affordable for qualified seniors with Verizon's Communications Lifeline

Telephone service is now more affordable for thousands of seniors in New Jersey thanks to the Verizon New Jersey's "Communications Lifeline and Link Up America."

In April 2003, Verizon began automatically enrolling existing phone customers in Communications Lifeline when they participate in at least one of eight public assistance programs for residents with low incomes. In addition, seniors 65 years and older who meet income guidelines can enroll in the service simply by providing proof of income to Verizon.

"Verizon New Jersey's Communications Lifeline and Link Up America have provided a true lifeline to many residents for years and this newly enhanced program will make this essential service available to many more residents," said Dennis Bone, president of Verizon New Jersey.

Communications Lifeline customers get credits ranging from $10.40 to $12.30 towards their rates for residential monthly service. As a result, their monthly rate, which depends on the basic service chosen and rate area, may range from zero to $2.19.

"Telephone service is a basic necessity of life. That is why Communications Lifeline is so important and why, under the Governor's leadership, we are collaborating with the Ratepayer Advocate, state agencies and Verizon to make Communications Lifeline a reality for the elderly and others in New Jersey," said Jeanne M. Fox, president of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

New Jersey Ratepayer Advocate Seema M. Singh said, "Working along with Verizon, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and other state agencies, we will continue to work so that the state's elderly and disabled have the opportunity to obtain and maintain reliable telephone service at affordable rates."

To be eligible for automatic enrollment, customers must participate in at least one of the following public assistance programs:

- Food Stamps
- General Assistance
- Supplemental Security Income
- Medicaid
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families/Work First New Jersey
- Lifeline Utility Credit/Tenants' Lifeline Assistance
- Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled
- Home Energy Assistance Program

In addition, applicants for Communications Lifeline cannot be claimed as dependents for federal income tax purposes unless they are over 60 years old. Verizon will automatically add Communications Lifeline customers once every three months. Customers who become eligible for one of the eight state programs between the automatic enrollments should call that program office for a Lifeline application.

Communications Lifeline also now allows customers 65 years and older and whose income level is at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty income level to self-certify. For individuals, the household's income cannot exceed $13,965, and a two-person household's income cannot exceed $18,735. For self-certification, seniors must provide income documentation to Verizon within 30 days of enrolling in Lifeline.

Communications Lifeline customers receive Touch-Tone service at no cost, are limited to one phone line and can choose one of three basic services. Optional services are limited to a non-published listing, Call Block, Caller ID, Caller ID with Name, Call Trace and wire maintenance plans. Customers with other services will be notified and given the choice to disconnect them.

In addition to Communications Lifeline, eligible customers can apply to Link Up America, which provides up to a 50 percent discount for charges to connect a new telephone line. The remaining portion of the charges can be billed in 12 monthly installments.

Additional information about Verizon's Communications Lifeline can be found at www.verizon.com/nj or by calling 1-800-427-9977 or by contacting Mark Bocchieri, director, external affairs, Verizon – NJ, at 908-851-9910.

Business Builders

News Update:

Marketing to today's young families

It appears that yesterday's young slackers are becoming today's dutiful parents. A new survey lays the foundation for a better understanding of the social and attitudinal differences between Generation X — those born between 1965 and 1979 — and their baby boom parents.

The survey revealed that marketing to Gen X means providing value. Gen X parents have more schooling than boomers, yet they are far more pessimistic about their financial futures. Gen X is more uncomfortable with debt, and they have lower expectations of job security and future retirement funds. Financial insecurity haunts them much more that it did their parents at the same age. Even Xers in the top 5% of household income tend to be in industries that have seen layoffs and stalled incomes. The consequent uncertainty makes them cautious spenders. Xers across all incomes enjoy bragging to friends about "great deals."

As parents, Xers are more likely than boomers to turn their attention from careers to put a greater emphasis on children and household responsibilities. While "quality time" was the mantra of boomer parents, Xers also want "quantity time" with family, an important distinction for those marketing family-related goods and services.

Parental gender stereotypes are also falling away. Only 9% of Gen X mothers describe themselves as a "soccer mom." These young moms are difficult to classify, given the variety of factors that shape their existence, such as higher education and later marriage and childbearing than boomers. Gen X fathers are more involved in home life, including the lives of their children and household activities.

Source: *BusinessWeek*

The impact of new overtime rules

Last year, the Department of Labor (DOL) issued its first extensive update of overtime exemptions in decades, and it could be a wake-up call for many companies.

The FairPay Overtime Initiative clarifies portions of the Fair Labor Standards Act and took in late August. Under the rules, white-collar workers making $23,660 a year or less are entitled to overtime, and those making $100,000 a year or more are not guaranteed overtime rights. White-collar workers that make between $23,660 and $100,000 a year will continue to be subject to duties and salary tests to determine overtime protections.

However, labor and employment law experts said the final proposals failed to clarify many of the ambiguous phrases that defined which white-collar workers may be exempted from overtime pay rules. This leaves potentially millions wondering if they still qualify for overtime compensation.

Some employers will be in a scramble to ensure their compliance with the new regulations. If an employer has misclassified employees, and the DOL receives a complaint or audits that company, the employer can have liability for up to three years of back pay and hefty fines. What's more, the DOL announced the formation of a task force to oversee enforcement of the new regulations.

Surprisingly, even with all the questions that remain, many say that the new regulations still provide much more clarity than the old rules. To find out more about FairPay, go to www.dol.gov/fairpay.

Sources: *Blue Ridge Business Journal; The Kansas City Star*

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This Month's Tips:

If you're burning a lot of mental energy and concentration on a task, you can improve your endurance by taking more breaks. Even a few minutes away from the task will increase your overall productivity by easing tension, keeping you upbeat and allowing you to focus your mind.

Source: *CatchFire* by Peter McLaughlin (Fawcett Columbine)

Get a greater return from your Web site efforts by wording your marketing pitch using phrases actually in the minds of your target market. Search engines operate literally, so if, for example, you use the term "matrimonial attorney," you lose visitors who search for "divorce lawyer." One great tool for checking the relative frequency of terms in Web searches is Wordtracker.com, which offers a free trial you can use as many times as you like. To benefit from very specific searches by prospective customers, use lots of nouns in your copy. For instance, if you serve solo professionals, find an excuse to mention "self-employed consultants, architects, designers, writers, physicians" etc., in your text.

Source: www.yudkin.com

Make your point understood in every communication by learning the power of the pause. A brief pause in speech can build anticipation and give your listener time to absorb your last thought. It also can be used to emphasize key words or ideas. Train your ear to become comfortable with silence by reading and recording the following sentence: "A pause shows poise... control... confidence... Use it... Master it." Count each pause dot silently and re-record until you hear a discernible difference.

Source: *Wooing and Winning Business* by Spring Asher and Wicke Chambers (John Wiley & Sons)

Want to offer one last chance to an employee that you're on the brink of firing? Try offering him a chance to choose his own course. On Friday, tell him to take Monday off, with pay, as a Career Decision Day. Ask him to be prepared on Tuesday morning to make one of the two choices: 1. Improve in all lacking areas. 2. Accept termination. If the employee opts for improvement, set specific goals with deadlines.

Source: *Leading for Results*, 316 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601

Salespeople are notorious for ignoring leads that are handed to them. Consider implementing a lead tracking system for every lead given to your salespeople. Many salespeople avoid reporting lead results, so tell them they can't get new leads until they report on the status of previous leads. Not only can this system help control sales activity, the results provide valuable information about the quality of leads generated by your marketing campaign. For added insight, try surveying the leads directly to determine if the rep contacted the prospect, what the experience was like and what their buying plans are.

Is your company "committed to excellence" with "a tradition of quality service?" Are you "proactive" and "cost-effective?" These are the standards for all businesses. Ditch the clichés and develop unique and memorable ways of describing your company.

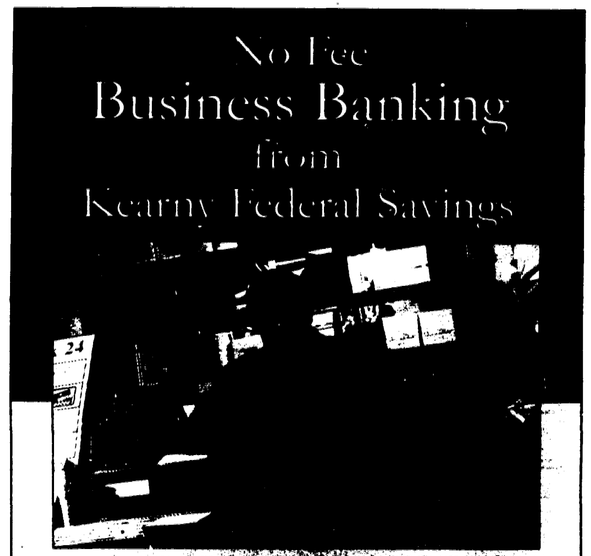
Source: *Selling the Invisible* by Harry Beckwith (Warner Books)

Get better results in your recruiting by interviewing the Southwest Airlines way — design the interviewing process to make candidates feel as comfortable as possible. This is counter to the way most companies approach interviewing, but you'll get better information this way because candidates will relax and open up. When they arrive for the interview, greet them, tell them what to expect and answer their initial questions.

Source: www.freibergs.com

If you take a home office deduction, be sure to photograph or videotape your office area. Why? The home office deduction is a red flag for audits, and an audit notice may not arrive for as long as two years after the year for which you decided the office. If you decide to move your business out of your house and convert the home office into a nursery, you'll have a hard time proving to the IRS that is was once used exclusively for work.

Source: *Tax Hotline*, Box 58477, Boulder, CO 80328



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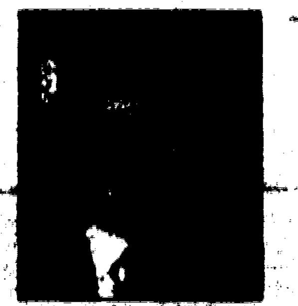

After my column last month, it was with a great deal of satisfaction that I have been reviewing Acting Governor Cody's new budget. It seems that he may actually read my column, or at least, as chance would have it, his budget follows many of my suggestions.

To submit this budget took a tremendous amount of bravery on Cody's part. In fact it makes me wonder if it wouldn't be better to have all governors be lame-duck governors. This way, since their only term of office would be their last term of office, maybe they would do what was necessary rather than what was popular. That, however, is the topic for another column.

Cody's budget is the first in my 15 years in New Jersey not to rely on gimmicks to balance. At least so far, gone are the bad ideas to sell the New Jersey Turnpike and tax 401(K) contributions. Cody's budget relies on straight out tax increases to balance. Though this is still onerous, at least it says "if you want it you have to pay for it."

Perhaps a more gutsy item in the budget is the slashing of what is know as direct tax relief. Two programs, the Homestead Rebate and NJ Saver, account for the bulk of the direct tax relief. Last year, nearly $1.7 billion dollars went back to the New Jersey taxpayers through these programs. Now everyone likes to get a check in the mail, but when you send in $110 to get back $100, it becomes clear that these programs are a heinous abuse of the tax system for political purposes.

Cody's proposed budget slashes these rebates by more than $1.2 billion! Now, your local mayor is going to have a hard time saying, "well you really don't have to worry about your property tax increase because the state is going to refund it back to you." Now local officials are going to become directly accountable for their spending and their taxes.

On the down side, what Cody's budget does not do is cut spending. The administration will argue that they did this by cutting the rebates, but this is a slight-of-hand. In all major categories, spending is up. Salaries and benefits for public employees and health and human services have the greatest increases, nearly $1 billion between them.

There is some argument to be made that health and human service expenses are an entitlement over which the state has little control. That same argument cannot be made about employee salary and benefit costs, however. In New Jersey, health insurance costs for public employees next year will exceed $2 billion. They are rapidly approaching the cost of employee salaries, and as a percentage far exceed the average in US corporations. In fact, New Jersey government employees have the most generous benefit program of any major group in the entire country. When compared to what senior management of major corporations receive in benefits, it is unconscionable that more of an effort has not been made to bring these expenses in line.

I recently had the opportunity to question a senior conservative Republican assemblyman about this, and his reply was that state employee benefits were not under discussion. In *fact he seemed surprised that I would even ask. I got the feeling that insulating state employees from increased benefit costs was a God given right, and how could anyone even consider cutting them?*

It will be interesting to watch the legislature debate the budget. There is little courage in either the Assembly or the Senate. The fact that the administration is actually asking them to do something tough like cut rebates to their constituents already has both sides of the aisle quaking. To ask them to do more like take on the powerful state employee unions, and of course, themselves, in looking for benefit cuts is way to much too expect. It is, however, something to pray for.

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Pay-to-play ban gets better, but still needs more work

In New Jersey (as in most states), if you offer a politician money in exchange for passing a law that is to your benefit, you could go to jail, or you could be patted on the back for using the system effectively. It totally depends on the circumstances.

Until recently most forms of pay-to-play, as it is known, were legal in New Jersey. Then the Legislature, spurred on by public indignation over favored treatment that big campaign donors were receiving, began to chip away at pay-to-play. We are still a long way from being an ethical state in most people's minds, but the situation is improving. Now, if members of the Legislature would quit playing politics with this important issue and truly cooperate, we would all be better off.

As this issue of *Inside Business* goes to press, Acting Gov. Richard Codey has conditionally vetoed the latest pay-to-play bill. The veto changes have been approved by the Assembly and are expected to be approved by the Senate. The changes deal with the problem that barring some contractors from bidding on federally-funded highway projects might have jeopardized the state's federal highway money. The changes in the conditional veto rectify that problem. Members of New Jersey's Congressional delegation also have managed to attach an amendment to the federal transportation bill to assure that state pay-to-play laws will not jeopardize federal money, so the issue is being dealt with on both levels.

The more troubling parts of the state situation involve the politics that is being played in Trenton with an issue that is so important to people. Republicans' initial unwillingness to lend their support for the bill sponsored by the Democrats nearly killed the measure in February. Their excuse was that the measure did not go far enough, which is true, but the progress that is being made should not be jeopardized for any reason. That is particularly true, if the real reason is that one party does not want the other to get credit for passing a pay-to-play ban. This is an issue that is too important to the efficient working of the Legislature and to restoring the public's confidence in government to put it in jeopardy. Both parties need to cooperate and the two houses of the Legislature need to work together.

The new law bans those contributing $17,500 or more to a gubernatorial candidate or to a state or county political party from obtaining government contracts for 18 months. This is a good beginning but it needs to be enacted on all levels of government. One county, Mercer, and 41 municipalities have passed stricter pay-to-play bans and many more are considering similar ordinances. But, right now, those local ordinances are superceded by the state law. Legislation has passed the Assembly and may soon pass the Senate, to allow all local governing bodies and agencies to pass pay-to-play bans. That bill needs to be signed into law as quickly as possible and the public needs to maintain pressure on every municipal governing body, school board, and any other elected or appointed board that issues contracts to enact pay-to-play bans.

Several decades ago, New Jersey was known as the most corrupt state in the nation. It took sweeping indictments and arrests in the 1970s to begin to turn that reputation around. But New Jersey has now reclaimed that negative image. Infighting over ethical reforms such as pay-to-play and recent arrests of public officials and contractors for money laundering and bribery make the reputation seem well deserved.

New Jersey should be leading the nation in cleaning up state government. There is little confidence in public officials on any level. That lack of confidence leads to apathy on the part of the public and an unwillingness to participate in the public process, which they see as unfair. Confidence in the fairness of government and in public officials must be restored if democracy is to continue to flourish.

A strict pay-to-play ban that eliminates the advantages given to big campaign donors on all levels of government is one step in that direction. The governor and legislature are to be commended for what they have accomplished so far. We hope the spirit of cooperation will continue.

G A T E W A Y R E G I O N

Capital Page...

Assemblyman Eric Munoz, M.D.

New program offers better access to health care

Earlier this year, the Gallup Organization released a tracking poll ranking the most important issues facing our country. Not surprisingly, "poor health care/ hospitals; high cost of health care" was the second most frequently cited answer, coming in just under the Iraq War. Similarly, the annual Gallup survey on health in the United States, released in November, finds two-thirds of Americans believe the U.S. health care system is either in a state of crisis (14 percent) or has major problems (53 percent).

While the Gallup data is noteworthy, we do not need formal surveys or reports to tell us that the escalating cost of health care is a chronic problem affecting our state.

In New Jersey, 1.2 million residents or 14 percent of the people who live in our state have no health insurance coverage. These are the working poor; they work hard at low wage jobs just to pay for the basics of food and shelter. They cannot afford insurance but do not qualify for other programs like Medicaid or Medicare.

As a member of the New Jersey State Legislature and a physician, I am acutely aware of the serious problem our constituents and patients face every day when they wrestle with the high cost of health care and access to life-saving prescription drugs. In my legislative district, I am often called upon by struggling families, senior citizens and young people to address the access to better health care and more affordable prescription drugs.

It is no secret that New Jersey is the leader in pharmaceutical research and development. Our state is home to more square feet of research facilities than any other state in the nation. Now we also stand on the forefront of providing medical assistance for low income and disadvantaged residents. It only makes sense that with such a dynamic pharmaceutical community we have an equally dynamic method of providing health care across the board.

Rx4NJ is a new Patient Assistance Program (PAP) that will allow eligible New Jerseyans to access more than 1, 400 medicines that are provided free of charge or nearly free of charge. Through a toll-free number (1-888-RXFORNJ) or website (www.Rx4NJ.org) patients can connect to more than 300 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies, patient advocacy organizations, and the state and federal governments. The service is available all in one place and it is completely confidential.

The medical community has an obligation to help patients find low or no-cost medicines. Although we have known about PAPs for years, finding them takes time and staff that could be devoted to assisting other patients. Rx4NJ is a collaborative effort aimed at providing patients with knowledgeable experts who are trained in providing them with easy access to these programs.

As the national debate over our health care system continues, state legislators are working diligently on health care issues that confront New Jersey. We also recognize our unique obligation to seek remedies that help our patients and our constituents. That is why I welcome Rx4NJ, and encourage the business community and citizens at large to avail themselves of a program that does not increase the burden to the taxpayer.

As a policymaker, I support programs that help provide tangible solutions to everyday problems without relying on increased government spending. I am confident that Rx4NJ will go a long way in helping New Jersey residents gain access to much needed life-saving medicines.

What's Coming Up!

Date	Event	Times	Location
April 7	Workforce Education Committee	8:45 AM	Chamber Office
April 8	Local & County Affairs Committee	8:30 AM	Call for Location
April 12	Industrial Safety Council Breakfast Seminar *"Breakfast With OSHA: Workplace Safety & Health Programs"* presented by Michael Yarnell, U.S. Department of Labor - OSHA	8:00 AM	Crowne Plaza, 36 Valley Road (GSP exit 135), Clark
April 14	Kenilworth Chamber Meeting	8:30 AM	Call for Location
April 19	Healthcare Group Breakfast Seminar *"Medical Absence Management: What Is It? Why Bother?"* presented by Overlook Hospital	8:00 AM	Crowne Plaza, 36 Valley Road (GSP exit 135), Clark
April 26	Linden Chamber Meeting	8:30 AM	Call for Location
April 27	Clark Chamber Group	8:30 AM	L'Oreal, 222 Terminal Avenue, Clark
April 28	Springfield Chamber Meeting	8:30 AM	EMS Office, Springfield Fire Department, Mountain Avenue
April 28	Chambers of Commerce Business After Hours	6:00 PM	Grand Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield Avenue, Summit

For additional event information call the Chamber at 908-352-0900.

Assessment of success of Medicare drug discount cards

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notified each of the 81,000 people that their prescriptions would be fully covered using the federal credit and once that was used up, the PAAD benefits would automatically kick back in.

"Almost everyone took advantage of the federal program and the entire system worked beautifully for us and them," McGettigan said. "Other than receiving a new discount card, the change was invisible to participants."

Each state that provides drug benefits for seniors anticipated saving substantial money because of the federal funds. New Jersey anticipates a total savings for the year and a half transition period of $90 million. So far, it has saved $58.7 million, McGettigan said.

For those seniors who are not part of PAAD or Senior Gold, information on the available Medicare drug benefits for the transition cards and for the permanent program that starts in 2006 can be obtained by calling the State Health Insurance Assistance Program for People on Medicare in each county. In Union County the number is 908-273-6999; Essex, 973-643-5710; Middlesex, 732-745-3295, and Somerset 908-704-6319.

The bigger question comes when the system switches to permanent prescription coverage in 2006. The regulations announced recently by the federal government include a complicated system of deductible amounts, co-pays and a "doughnut hole" after a certain level of coverage in which no coverage is provided before catastrophic coverage kicks in for extremely high drug costs. The states will continue to save money on state prescription drug plans, although the amounts are unknown as of now, McGettigan said.

The state also will offer assistance to all Medicare recipients starting around September to help them sort out the coverage, she said.

The estimates of costs for the federal government have continued to escalate from the original, and have now reached $720 billon over the next 10 years. Federal budget experts warn the cost will be much higher and will endanger other federal programs. Even more troubling to some is the cost to the seniors who are supposed to benefit. Congressional support in New Jersey was split along party lines with Republicans generally praising the changes and Democrats condemning them.

Ron Pollack, executive director of Families USA, warned recently that the cost to seniors will go from $420 a year for Medicare drug coverage to $816. Simultaneously the deductible will double and "the huge gap in coverage in which seniors will have to pay 100 percent of their drug costs – the so-called 'doughnut hole' – will grow from $2,850 a year to $5,382 a year." Despite provisions in the law to encourage companies to continue prescription drug benefits for retirees, the number of retirees receiving company drug benefits better than Medicare benefits will drastically drop in the next 10 years.

A major complaint about both the discount cards and the permanent Medicare prescription coverage is that the new law does not allow the federal government to negotiate with drug companies for cheaper prices for Medicare recipients, as it can in other prescription programs.

"It is tragically clear that seniors will find that, under the new Medicare law, the costs of medicines will become increasingly unaffordable," Pollack warned.

To make the situation more confusing, a number of other discount prescription cards are offered by different organizations and most pharmaceutical companies have patient assistance programs to help low income people afford drugs. To help sort out the many options, New Jersey recently announced Rx4NJ, a statewide program that allows any resident to call a toll free number (1-800-RXFORNJ) or visit a website (www.rx4nj.org) to find out which programs he or she is eligible for.

So far, 46,000 people have used Rx4NJ to find a prescription discount program or patient assistance program to help them, said Hollie Gilroy, spokeswomen for the Health Care Institute of New Jersey, a trade organization that helped created the program.

Some of those programs include one at Merck & Co. Inc. in Rahway, which is part of Your Rx Plan to provide low cost drugs to the uninsured. Merck also has a patient assistance program for low income people where drugs are provided free, said Gail Driscoll, manager of public affairs.

At Schering-Plough Corporation in Kenilworth the drug assistance programs are called SP-Cares and Commitment to Care, which provide free drugs to eligible patients, said Rosemarie Yancosek, a company spokeswoman.

Union County also provides a drug card for discounts of 20 percent to 50 percent, with no income requirements. Information can be obtained by calling 1-800-733-8546.

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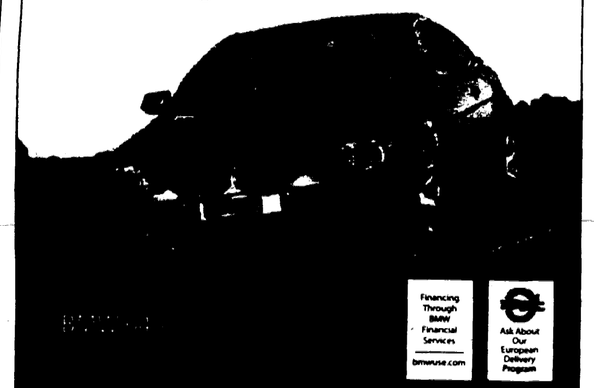

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Will my survivors have a place to live? And other questions about Medicaid estate recovery

There is a great deal of uncertainty regarding the Medicoid estate recovery process. In this article, Elizabeth Engert Manzo, an elder law attorney, answers some frequently asked questions.

What is Medicaid estate recovery?

Medicaid estate recovery is a claim against the assets of a deceased Medicaid recipient, in order to recover correctly paid benefits incurred by that individual.

When will the state pursue estate recovery?

The state will pursue estate recovery upon a Medicaid beneficiary's death unless: a) it would not be 'cost-effective' to do so, or b) if property in the estate is the sole source of income for survivor(s) and pursuit of recovery is likely to result in survivor(s) becoming eligible for public assistance and/or Medicaid benefits (undue hardship waiver).

The State will not seek recovery if there is a surviving spouse, surviving child under 21 years old, or surviving child of any age who is blind or permanently and totally disabled. In that case, repayment will be postponed until either a) child reaches age of 21 or b) spouse or disabled child dies.

What amount is subject to recovery?

The Medicaid lien is equal to the amount of all assistance Medicaid provided for services received on or after the recipient was age 55 years or older including: institutionalized care, home and community based care, and prescription drug services.

Will the state force my sibling out on the street?

If 'family member' of a deceased Medicaid recipient has, prior to the Medicaid recipient's death, continuously resided in a home owned by the recipient and that home was recipient's primary residence and was, and remains, the family member's primary residence, the state may record a lien against the property but will not enforce the lien until the property is voluntarily sold, or resident family member either dies or vacates the property.

When is an 'estate' subject to Medicaid estate recovery?

New Jersey's broad definition of an estate is not limited to probate assets passing under one's will, but includes virtually any assets in which the Medicaid recipient had any legal title or interest at the time of death.

How will the executor know money is owed to Medicaid?

The personal representative of an estate is obligated to notify Medicaid, in writing, of the death of a Medicaid recipient, to determine if Medicaid has a claim against the estate, before any funds are spent.

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AAA NJ Auto Club

AAA launches senior mobility campaign

AAA has been recognized for providing automotive, travel, insurance, and traffic safety services for over a hundred years. That still holds true today as North America's largest motoring and leisure travel organization focuses its efforts on an issue that affects everyone – senior mobility.

Currently, people over the age of 65 are the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. population. By 2020, there will be more than 40 million licensed drivers 65 and older. To deal with this increase, AAA has launched a senior mobility campaign dedicated to helping seniors drive for as long as safely possible, while supporting alternative transportation when driving is no longer possible.

Research has shown that seniors experience the highest fatal crash rate, despite positive actions such as seat belt use and sober driving. Although seniors often drive less than other age groups and have the maturity to make wiser driving decisions, they're more likely to die in motor vehicle crashes. Physical changes such as diminished vision and hearing, weaker muscles and bones, and poor reaction time all impact a senior's driving ability.

A key component of AAA's senior mobility initiative is to develop more accurate screening methods to help seniors identify and address driving problems. Recently, AAA and transportation safety experts developed a new product called *AAA Roadwise Review*. This scientifically valid, first-of-its-kind PC-based tool is designed to allow users to test their driving health confidentially from the privacy of their own home.

The CD-ROM measures eight physical and mental abilities shown to be the strongest predictors of crash risk among older drivers and provides confidential feedback to guide the user's decision about the ability to drive safely. *AAA Roadwise Review* tests leg strength and general mobility, head/neck flexibility, high contrast visual acuity, low visual acuity, working memory, visualization of missing information, visual search and useful field of view. (*AAA Roadwise Review* can be purchased at the AAA Travel Store in Springfield and Clark. The cost is $5 for AAA members; $7 for non-members.)

AAA is also encouraging seniors to participate in training courses that deal with the physiological changes that accompany aging. The Club's Driver Improvement Program, which is structured for drivers of all ages, and web sites such as the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety's www.seniordrivers.org, offer techniques to help seniors better cope with daily traffic encounters.

AAA has also developed an older driver pamphlet series that addresses these and other issues including the impact of prescription drugs on driving and how to select a new car that's senior friendly. AAA safety experts are also available to discuss senior mobility with interested organizations. To request the pamphlet series, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: Senior Mobility, AAA Public Affairs, 1 Hanover Road, Florham Park, NJ 07932. To request a speaker, call Judy Hartmann at 973-245-4860 or e-mail: jhartmann@njac.aaa.com.

The goals of AAA's senior mobility initiative are to implement driver safety activities and tools, to provide alternatives for supplemental transportation and to develop senior-friendly road designs. AAA advocates for state and federal transportation funding that will aid senior mobility. Particular attention is focused on intersection safety that includes adding left-turn-only lanes, posting larger, more readable signs and installing better lighting. AAA is also working with the American Medical Association, National Safety Council, the American Society on Aging, AARP and other leaders in the field of aging and transportation, to conduct research and implement programs focused on senior mobility.

As the nation's leading advocate for the safety and security of travelers, AAA understands the importance of mobility to an individual's independence, freedom and happiness. Through the efforts outlined above, AAA is working to improve the quality of life for seniors by keeping them on the road for as long as safely possible.

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Member Moments...

Carol Hill, an administrative assistant at **FedEx Corp.**, recently won the **Oak Tree Office Supply** raffle of an executive desk chair. The raffle was held at the Gateway Regional **Chamber of Commerce's Annual** Awards Dinner. Oak Tree has since merged with Allied **Office Products**. At the awards dinner, FedEx Corp. was named Large Company of the **Year by the Chamber.**

Prevention Links in Clark will hold its **5th Annual Awards Ceremony and Fundraiser** on April 18 from 5:30 PM to 9 PM at The Westwood in Garwood. This year's honorees are Union County **Freeholder Alexander Mirabella**, Fogel and Business Essentials, and Independence **Community Bank**. "Savor the Flavor: What's Cooking in Union County" will hold a food **tasting featuring** more than 25 restaurants from throughout the county. Proceeds will go to further the agency's substance abuse prevention education programs in **Union County. Additional information** can be obtained by calling 732-381-4100.

Paul H. **Mazer**, a **Seton Hall University School of Law** 2004 **graduate, has joined the Westfield law firm of** Lindabury, **McCormick & Estabrook** as an associate. He is the firm's **46th attorney. He will be providing** support for **the firm's business, education and** litigation **services. Mazer previously worked as a** judicial intern **with the Honorable John C. Lifland of** the United **States District Court for the District of New** Jersey, for **whom he researched and drafted legal** memoranda **concerning a wide range of issues.**

Schering-Plough Corporation recently concluded its 2004-2005 United Way Workplace Campaign that generated $1.2 million for local health and human service programs in Union County. Employees from the company's Kenilworth, Union, Springfield, Summit, Berkeley Heights and Cranford locations participated in the annual giving campaign to raise $620,000. Schering-Plough matched employee donations. Pictured at the presentation ceremoney are (left to right) Joseph Starkey, executive director - public affairs at Schering-Plough Corporation; Sandy Erwin, interim chief executive officer at United Way of Greater Union County; Erica D. Ferry, senior director of community affairs at Schering-Plough Corporation; and Susan Di Iorio, campaign director at United Way of Greater Union County.

Jean-Louis Saillot has been appointed vice president and head of pharmacovigilance by **Schering-Plough** in Kenilworth.

Jeffrey Newland of Annandale has been named vice president, commercial lending for **Commerce Bank**, Cherry Hill.

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Did you know...

Break-through ideas to immediately increase profits and improve cash flow

First of two parts by Salim Omar

Too often in business we get trapped into reviewing our sales numbers without analyzing the all important "profit" numbe: This is commonly referred to as the "bottom-line" of a business. After consulting with over 1,400 small business owners, I have seen a few ways that will dramatically impact your profitability and cash flow.

Under pricing kills profits!

Many small businesses have thinner profit margins than larger firms do because they tend to under price their products or services. So why not just raise prices? I know the feeling - you're scared that your competition might swoop in like a bird of prey and your customer base might shrivel overnight!

If you have thought about raising prices but haven't done so, let me give you an example that may give you the confidence to do so. My client, Steve Lopes of Stanley Steemer based out of Edison, had a positive experience from raising prices about a year back. After giving me much resistance to my advice to raise prices, Steve agreed it would be prudent to test it. The result? Sales and profit went up for the month in which he raised prices and Steve was pleasantly surprised at the little, if any, resistance he got from his customers.

Since then, Steve has increased prices two more times. What happened to sales and net profits? Sales surged by 25 percent for that 12-month period and net profits for that same period skyrocketed by 84 percent. Since Steve's sales are in the seven digits, these sales and net profit increases equate to very significant numbers. Best of all, it leaves Steve with a lot of extra cash to do things he wanted to do in his business and personally.

Still unsure about raising prices? Remember, you can always cut them back. More likely than not, you'll be surprised at the positive impact it'll have on your business, assuming of course you continue to provide the same or better level of service to your customers.

Is the marketing working?

Make your advertising accountable

You've probably heard the familiar maxim: "Twenty percent of my advertising brings in 80 percent of my business, but I don't know which 20 percent!" I see that as a common problem with many small-businesses. They don't track their marketing to know what's working, what's not. This problem stems from a bigger problem and that is not being aware of the difference between institutional and direct-response advertising.

Institutional advertising, also known as image advertising, is all about you, the business owner: How great you are, your qualifications, years in business, "full-service" product line, etc. It's the most common form of advertising. You see institutional ads every day in print or in TV. They're often cute, creative, funny, utterly ineffective and not trackable. Simply put, an institutional ad has no way to track results and is there to keep the company name in front of the public.

By contrast, direct response advertising is all about your customer and his or her needs. Its purpose is to stimulate a phone call, letter or a visit. Best of all, unlike an institutional ad, it is trackable so you can make every dollar you spend on it accountable. This then helps to measure the effectiveness of each ad.

The easiest way to profits

Keep a lid on spending! Resist the urge to spend freely. You may like the way a lavish office and expensive furniture looks, but does it really contribute to your business? In *some* businesses, a fancy office is critical; in most it is not. I once had a small business owner who spent $5,000 on his front office desk in a business operation that had no "office visits." Needless, to say, this business owner did not survive too long in business due to this and other extravagances. Get as much value out of every transaction, whether you're leasing office space or stocking the kitchen.

Important caveat: Don't compromise when it comes to spending money on your own **self-development. Small business owners don't give this enough importance and thus** spend far too little money in this area. This is a big mistake. As an example, I recently attended three conferences across the country, investing about $4,300 in seminar tuition fees, travel and boarding. Not a small chunk of change you would agree, but in my opinion, well worth the investment. You are *the* most important asset in your business. Take good care of you.

Salim Omar, a leading authority for small-businesses in New Jersey, is the author of Straight Talk About Small Business Success In New Jersey. He can be reached at 732-566-3660 or Salim@OmargroupCPA.com.

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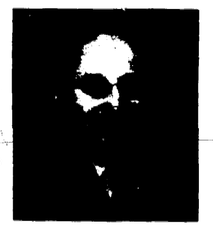

Eric B. Levine has become a shareholder in the Westfield law firm of Lindabury, McCormick & Estabrook. Levine represents clients in a broad range of matters, most prominently in commercial and insurance coverage litigation and in labor representation for several law enforcement organizations. The firm now has 20 shareholders. Levine is a former law clerk for the late Honorable Harry A. Margolis, P.J.S.C., in the Essex County Chancery Division of the Superior Court.

Stephen Rosenthal, Philip Munrath and **Peter Quigley** have joined the firm of **Fazio, Mannuzza, Tankel, LaPilusa** in Springfield as partners. **Steve Napolitano, Donald Rosenberg, Ira Long** and **Sam Levitt** also have joined the firm.

J.H. Cohn LLP, one of the country's largest accounting and consulting firms, announced revenues for fiscal year ending Jan. 31 rose 21 percent compared to the prior fiscal year, to $125 million from $103 million. Growth in the firm's core services to middle-market companies in the New York metropolitan area and California, coupled with substantial expansion of its corporate governance services to large and mid-size public companies complying with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, were among the factors contributing to the growth.

Administaff in Florham Park announced **Doug Drosin** has been promoted to district manager for its New Jersey sales office.

Kearny Federal Savings Bank, Fairfield, announced **Steven Wharton** of Ridgewood was promoted to assistant vice president, facilities manager.

Michael Friscia has joined the firm of **McCarter & English** in Newark as a partner and **Mark Kikolsky** has joined the firm as an associate.

Approximately 160 students from Union County high schools, Union County College, Middlesex County College, and Kean University, along with some of their teachers, guidance counselors, and science directors recently attended Infineum's Seventh Annual Career Day. As part of its ongoing efforts to encourage students to pursue a career in engineering Infineum USA LP hosted the workshop at its Linden facilities. Students are seen here building a telecommunications tower.

22 West Restaurant Review...

Happiness on a plate at 22 West

The décor of this new casual dining restaurant is a feast for the eyes. The walls are a combination of exposed brick and warm earth tones. Bamboo placemats and a small glass dish of orchids add an Eastern flavor to the atmosphere and the music is muted and soothing. An exposed kitchen is visible from the dining area and as we passed through the understated atmosphere the raw bar beckoned. The separated bar area with sleek stools and servers complements the space and offers a balance to the open kitchen.

We were led to our table by a young waitress who graciously took our coats and offered us a bottle of water. A basket of crusty multi-grain bread followed with a choice of unsalted butter or olive oil as a complement. The bread was later replenished almost before we had finished the first basket.

From the lunch menu i chose the tuna nicoise salad and while the entree arrived beautifully presented, I was delighted to discover that it was also mouth-watering. The tuna was warm and tender in perfect accompaniment to the cool greens, tomato wedges, black olives, boiled potato slices, croutons and hard-boiled egg quarters. The 2003 Voignier made an excellent enhancement to the meal. In addition to the deliciousness of my fare, I found that there was so much of it that I could not finish. My companion, too, had trouble finishing her chicken caesar salad. The poultry was fresh and seasoned beautifully with the greens and dressing. We each had to make a concerted effort to save room for dessert.

To finish, 22 West offers a selection of drinks from liquors to coffees to teas. I passed them by in favor of the crème brule trio, which arrived in three mini espresso cups, each with a light dusting of powdered sugar. One cup held plain vanilla (my favorite), one mocha, and the last praline. The creamy goodness of each crème brule was heightened by how superbly it was presented. My friend had the chocolate cake and it arrived warm and topped with crème fraiche, grated with chocolate shavings and finished with more powdered sugar.

Executive Chefs

Anthony Moraes (Co-Executive Chef) This New Jersey born chef loves to make people feel good and looks toward chef Alfred Portale and Gotham Bar and Grill as a measure of perfection to live up to. The new world cuisine pioneered by Norman Van Aken inspired Anthony to look at ways of putting his own signature on the culinary world. He feels that it is time to revolutionize dining in New Jersey, to bring New York style dining over to its nearby sister state.

Nathaniel Eckhaus (Co-Executive Chef) Eckhaus wants to make sure that every guest's need is catered to and taken care of; whether it means altering a recipe to accommodate food allergies or preferences; remembering a guest's preferred table; or recommending wine pairings along with 22 West's delectable menu. His goal is to provide a level of comfort for each and every guest; from the moment they walk in the door to the final good night at the front door.

Perhaps 'Happiness on a plate' is not quite the right thought. The more I remember my experience, the more I think 'Heaven on a plate' might be more accurate.

Hours of Operation:

Lunch:	Monday - Saturday:	11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Dinner:	Sunday	1:00 PM – 9:00 PM
	Monday - Thursday:	5:30 PM – 10:00 PM
	Friday - Saturday:	5:30 PM – 11:00PM Light fare
	Monday - Saturday	2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Payment Options:		Visa, MasterCard, AMEX
Phone:		(908) 206-0060
Website:		www.22west.net
Dress Code:		Business Casual
Accepts Walk-Ins:		Yes

Save the date...

31st Annual Golf Outing

Monday, May 2nd

Suburban Golf Club

Morris Avenue, Union NJ

Registration & Range: 10:30 AM
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Shot Gun Start: 12:30 PM

Special Gifts for all Golfers Plus Goody Bag
Hole-In-One Prizes
Raffle Prizes

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